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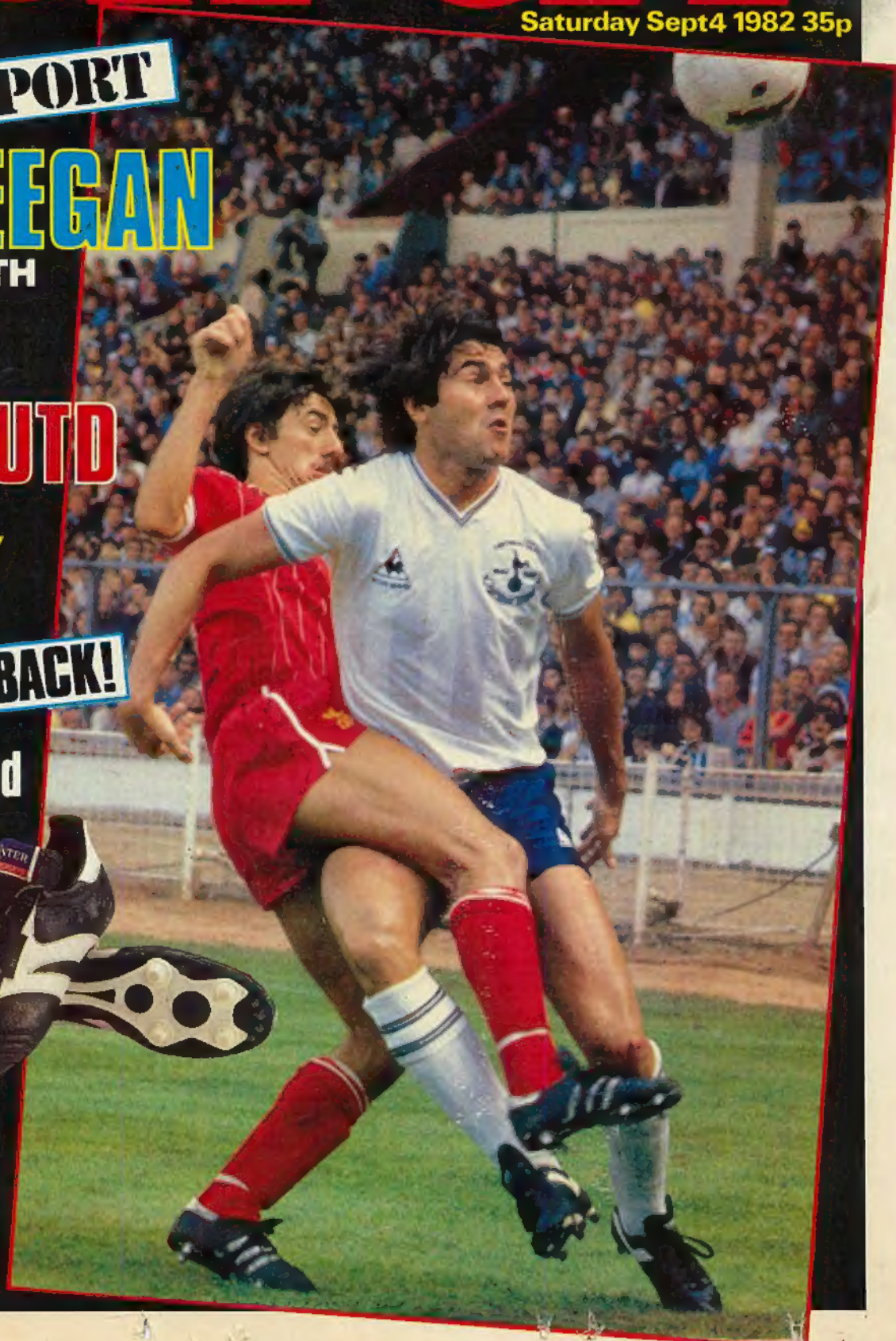
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Liverpool's Ian Rush and
Spurs Paul Miller in action
during this season's Charity
Shield.

JUMPING

DEPOSED Newcastle skipper Mick Martin summed up the magic of Kevin Keegan's arrival on Tyneside when he said: "Newcastle hasn't experienced such euphoria for years."

"It's a fantastic boost for the club. Everyone is very excited about the prospect of playing alongside the England skipper."

"And the transfer has really caught the imagination of the public."

"The club had to call the police in to control the crowds who were queueing up for season tickets!"

But amid the delight comes a guarded warning...

"Kevin's arrival is going to help our promotion chances enormously, but it doesn't guarantee us First Division football."

"People shouldn't expect us to go straight up just because we have Kevin in the side."

"I don't want the fans to put that kind of pressure on Kevin Keegan or the club."

"Without Kevin in the side, we won all our pre-season friendlies so hopes were high before he arrived."

"Obviously, however, we now feel even more confident that we can challenge this season."

Newcastle's most expensive player, £250,000 signing John Trewick, enthused: "The fans wanted a big name signing and Newcastle haven't disappointed them."

"They've gone out and captured the biggest name in football. Kevin's signing is just what the area needed and everyone is delighted."

"No other player could have had such an affect on a city. The whole place is buzzing," says John, who joined Newcastle from West Brom in December 1980.

"The club had to call in the police to control the crowds queueing for tickets" — Mick Martin.

"The club has always been well supported, but when the news of the Keegan transfer emerged, the response was phenomenal. Tickets for the opening game against Queen's Park Rangers were gobbled up."

"Kevin's vast experience will be great for the younger players in the side. He's so enthusiastic that it's bound to lift the players around him."

"Last season he scored 30 goals in the First Division and if he can stay clear of injuries, I see no reason why he can't repeat that. He'll score goals at any level."

One player particularly excited by the arrival of the England superstar is Geordie winger Chris Waddle. He says: "I still can't believe that he's signed for us."

"The club have been waiting for the arrival of a star name since Malcolm Macdonald left to join Arsenal. Kevin is an even bigger name than 'Supermac'."

"It's incredible to think that the England skipper has



John Trewick — "They've gone out and captured the biggest man in football."

GEORDIES!

**KEEGAN
FEVER
SWEEPS
TYNESIDE**

NORTH-EAST football is buzzing again.

A crowd of 36,000 crammed into Newcastle's St James' Park to welcome their new hero and England skipper Kevin Keegan responded in storybook fashion with the winner against Queen's Park Rangers.

The arrival of the new 'King of Tyneside' is a marvellous shot in the arm for the area and here 'Match Weekly' seeks the views of Kevin's new team-mates.

Plus we talk to one of the men Kevin has left behind at Southampton.

decided to join a Second Division club — it must be the best signing that manager Arthur Cox will ever make.

"Kevin's arrival has really put Newcastle back on the map. I hope it's the final place piece in our promotion jig-saw.

"Although he's a world superstar Kevin has settled in just like one of the lads. He's so down to earth.

"His experience will really help the younger players in the side. He's always buzzing around and shouting encouragement."

Down at Southampton, the town is still shell-shocked at the surprise departure of their favourite son.

Loyal defender Nick Holmes admits: "I was both surprised and disappointed when I heard that Kevin had decided to leave The Dell.

"But that's the sort of man Kevin is. He's totally unpredictable and I'm sure that the challenge of trying to make Newcastle great again really appeals to him.

"He shocked the football

world when he turned down offers from all the top clubs to join us. Now he's gone and done it again.

"Although we might have to change our style of play to cope with his departure, we've got to put his loss out of our minds. We've got to carry on without him.

"I know just what the supporters and players of Newcastle are feeling right now. We experienced just the same when he joined us from Hamburg two years ago.

"Everyone was lifted by his arrival. There was no other topic of conversation in the town."

Nick believes that Kevin's move to St. James' Park is just what football needs now.

"The interest he's generated is good for football.

"I've no doubt that Kevin will prove to be a big asset to Newcastle. If he can steer clear of injuries he'll do very well for the club."

Right: Kevin Keegan — he leads Newcastle's promotion challenge as the new team skipper.



TICKET SALES ROCKET

SEASON ticket sales at Newcastle are the best since the club's First Division days in the mid-seventies.

Such is the impact of Kevin Keegan's arrival on success-starved Tyneside that the Second Division club expect to sell the last of their 10,000 season tickets within the next few days.

No fewer than 50 per cent of the summer's total were snapped up in the final week before the England skipper's home debut against Queen's Park Rangers.

And such was the clamour for stand seats to be a part of Kevin's emotional welcome to St James' Park that they were sold up within five hours of going on sale.

The last time Newcastle witnessed that kind of quick-fire selling was back in the 1974 Wembley season for an FA Cup Sixth Round clash with Nottingham Forest.



Mervyn Day — relishing the challenge of skipping Orient back to Division Two.

HAPPY DAY LEADS THE WAY

FORMER West Ham goalkeeper Mervyn Day is to lead Orient's bid to regain their Second Division status at the first attempt.

"This is an important job in a vital year for us," says Orient manager Ken Knighton, "and I believe Mervyn is the perfect choice for the task ahead."

Mervyn certainly has no worries about skipping the London side:

"Captaincy, and goalkeeping for that matter, is all about maturity and experience, and I feel I have plenty of that. I'm really looking forward to it."

ANOTHER BAD BREAK FOR BEATTIE . . .

POOR old Kevin Beattie continues to be dogged by injury.

The former England and Ipswich defender, forced to quit First Division football last season after a succession of knee problems, broke his nose playing for new club Colchester.

Kevin, who has teamed up with former Ipswich defensive team-mate Allan Hunter at the Fourth Division club, was injured in the team's 2-0 win at Orient in the League Trophy.

WATCH OUT FOR WALSH

HIGHLY-rated young striker Paul Walsh can become an even better player in the First Division with Luton this season, according to his new striking partner Brian Stein.

Says Brian: "I've always thought Paul a good player and he played very well for Charlton against us last season."

"But I think he can look even better with us because we play more controlled football and I think he'll appreciate that."

'I'M A WINNER' SAYS WALLACE

BY an amazing quirk of fate, Jock Wallace, who sensationally quite as manager of Leicester to take over at Motherwell, sends his new side out this Saturday for their first Premier League match of the season against his old club Rangers.

It's a baptism of fire that hard man Wallace no doubt relishes and his warning to Rangers, whom he guided to two trebles during his time as manager at Ibrox, is loud and clear.

"Don't let anyone think we're here to make up the numbers," growls the former Rangers goalkeeper.

"I'm not interested in being second — I want to be a winner — everyone knows that."



'You've seen nothing yet'

LIVERPOOL'S Ronnie Whelan, last season's 'Young Player of the Year', has a chilling message for the rest of the First Division: "You haven't seen anything yet!"

"Last season was great. But I know I can do even better. I'll have to, just to stay in the first team, because the competition for players is fiercer than ever," says the Eire international who has been described by team-mate Phil Thompson as the 'nearest thing to a perfect player'.

"I know I'll be more of a marked man than I was last season. But I'm confident I can overcome that."

"Being tightly marked and still managing to do the business is the hallmark of a great player — and that's what I aim to be."

Left: Ronnie Whelan — chilling warning for the rest of the First Division.

BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR BOB AND 'BORO

IT'S not much consolation to Middlesbrough fans, but after completing the £450,000 transfer of striker David Hodgson to Liverpool, Anfield boss Bob Paisley was full of praise for the Second Division club.

Middlesbrough is fast becoming a nursery club for the First Division champions with Graeme Souness and Craig Johnston both having arrived at Anfield from Ayresome Park.

And says Bob Paisley: "It's a pleasure to do business with them."

"We talk straight, and they know we pay cash. We don't ask them to take five pence a week."

"In return, they give us first option whenever one of their talented men becomes available."

Terry's tragedy

WHAT a disaster for Charlton's experienced full back Terry Naylor.

The former Tottenham defender, a key man in Charlton's bid for First Division status this season, broke a leg in a pre-season friendly with West Ham.

He went down in a challenge with opposing full-back Frank Lampard. The London clash ended in a 3-2 victory for the First Division side.



LUTON TRAVEL IN STYLE!

A TWO-SCREEN video, stereo radio, hot drinks maker, toilet, bed and even an ice-maker will help ensure a comfortable return to the First Division by Luton Town!

These luxury features are all contained in a purpose-built executive coach for use by the club as part of a unique sponsorship deal just announced.

The deal, with neighbouring Bedford Trucks, goes much further than the 'names on shirts' deals now so common.

In addition to the superb coach, the four-year agreement includes individual sponsorship of five home and five away matches, the provision of 300 tickets to Vauxhall employees for each of the five home matches,

benefits for the Junior Hatters' Club and the setting up of soccer coaching clinics for Vauxhall workers, Bedford dealers and customers.

The contract is worth up to £350,000 over four years and was designed to contain a strong element of community relations.

Activity will extend across a national front, with Aston Villa, Liverpool, Sunderland, Manchester United and Ipswich being the five selected away matches.

Bedford Trucks were the first-ever sponsors of a UK League game — the first game of the 1974 season between Luton and Liverpool. Above: Luton players feel right at home in their new, luxury coach.

STOKE PAY MARKED-UP PRICE...

STOKE City have ended up paying a figure in excess of £100,000 for a local lad they tried to sign as a schoolboy.

Striker Mark Chamberlain, now 20, had already been snapped up by Potteries' rivals Port Vale, when Stoke first moved in.

And now it has proved an expensive oversight by the First Division club.

"Stoke came after me when I had signed schoolboy forms for Vale," says Mark, who has left his brother Neville at the Fourth Division club.

"But I decided to stay with Vale where I thought I had a better chance of progressing into League football."

Now Mark, who was signed by Stoke in a £180,000 deal that also took Vale 'keeper Mark Harrison to the Victoria Ground, is ready to make his name in the First Division.

He has been linked with several First Division clubs over the past two seasons, but Vale always resisted the temptation to part with one of their key players.

Mark admits however: "While the move to Stoke came out of the blue, I had a feeling that I would probably be sold before the end of next season when my contract expires."

"I felt I was at the stage when I needed to move into a higher League, and now I've got the chance."

"The move to Stoke is ideal for me being a local lad, but I would have gone almost anywhere for First Division football."

"I'm looking forward to playing in front of big crowds. I know it's going to be difficult, but I'm relishing the challenge."

Robson's double delight

ENGLAND star Bryan Robson scored twice in extra time to earn Manchester United pre-season success in Spain.

His goals brought United a 5-3 victory over host club Real Zaragoza in the final of a four-club tournament.

The other goals came from Ray Wilkins, Garry Birtles and Alan Davies.

MTK took third place with a crushing 8-0 win over fellow Hungarians Honved.

'HANDY' LAWRIE IS OFF!

READING midfielder player Lawrie Sanchez had the dubious distinction of being the first player to be sent off for committing a professional foul under the new policy.

Referee Tony Ward sent him off during the League Trophy clash with Oxford United after Lawrie dived across goal to punch away a shot from Ray Train.

He needn't have bothered because the ball was actually going wide, but Trevor Hebbard rubbed salt in the wounds by scoring from the resultant penalty.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

FA pitches in

THE Football Association are involved in the construction of a professional-standard synthetic soccer pitch in the riot-torn area of Toxteth in Liverpool.

They are helping to finance the £310,000 scheme along with local industry, the government and the international sports surface manufacturers En-Tout-cas.

FIZZING 'POP'

ALMOST 18 years ago to the day (September 1, 1964), Bryan 'Pop' Robson scored his first ever League goal, for Newcastle.

Now, more than 250 League goals later, the little Geordie is still hitting the back of the net.

"Over a 100 yards sprint, I don't really rate myself at all," says the new Chelsea player-coach, "but over a couple of yards in the penalty box, where it really matters, I feel I'm as sharp as I've ever been."

GOALIES IN THE NEWS

SEVERAL goalkeepers were in the news for different reasons on the eve of the new season...

● **DISASTER!** Sheffield United's £90,000-rated Keith Waugh broke a collar bone in a League Trophy match at Lincoln and missed United's return to the Third Division.

● **DREAM!** Chelsea's extrovert Yugoslavian goalkeeper Petar Borota has moved to sunny Portugal. Borota, who lost his place to teenager Steve Francis last season, is joining crack side Benfica on a free transfer.

● **DEPARTURE!** Eire international Paddy Roche has left the glamour of Manchester United for Third Division Brentford. After being understudy to Gary Bailey and previously Alex Stepney, Roche has decided to seek first team football with the London side.



Former Chelsea goalkeeper Petar Borota and his lovely wife Biba — leaving London for Portugal.

SCREEN SUCCESS FOR SPRINGBOK SOCCER

A YOUNG film producer who grew up in Chiswick, London, has scored a major hit with a documentary he has made on South African football.

Rod Hay, who has lived in South Africa for more than four years, filmed the country's 1980 Cup Final and it has been described as one of the best and most professional ever made in South Africa.

The film, 'A Way of Life', is likely to have an international distribution.

QUICK-FIRE!

TWO strikers from the lower divisions were quickly into their stride before the season opened in earnest.

Halifax's Bobby Davison, the Fourth Division club's leading scorer last season, collected a hat-trick in the League Trophy defeat of Hartlepool.

And Reading's Kerry Dixon scored all three goals for the Third Division club in the 3-3 draw at Aldershot.

But on the same day, they were eclipsed in Scotland by Hearts' Willie Pettigrew and St Johnstone's Jim Brogan.

Brogan scored five times in his team's 6-1 drubbing of Falkirk in the League Cup, while Pettigrew collected four goals in Hearts' 7-1 thrashing of Clyde.

Peters may quit

IT looks as though former England World Cup star Martin Peters may have to hang up his boots at the age of 38.

The former West Ham and Norwich ace has been playing in the Town and Country League with Norfolk side Gorleston.

But he has been forced to undergo a knee operation and that might end his distinguished playing career.

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Just look what we've got in store for you in the exciting weeks ahead...

● Metal button badges in the names and colours of English First Division and Scottish Premier clubs and super Match Weekly stickers are yours for the asking.

All you have to do is collect three tokens from Match Weekly — it's as simple as that! Token Two is on page 15 of this issue, along with more details of the unique badges.

Don't worry if you missed Token One last week. A 'bonus' token will be given away in our September 18 issue.

● The first of two really great and unusual gifts will be given away with our September 18 issue. No fan will want to miss it.

● In the same issue we launch a unique offer to schools, giving away top quality footballs.

In return for tokens collected from 'Match', each school can receive up to three Mitre Mouldmaster footballs, recommended by PE and games teachers.

More than 7,000 schools have already received details of the free scheme so now is the time to check it out with your teacher.

● A second free gift follows the next week with our issue dated September 25... and with it comes a chance to win really fabulous prizes.

With so much happening, 'Match' is certain to be in great demand. So avoid disappointment and place a regular order with your newsagent — before it's too late. Match Weekly's new season countdown:
Sept 11 issue: Don't miss the third and vital club badge token and the address to send to for your badge.
Sept 18 issue: Get the first of your two free gifts and begin collecting tokens for a free football.
Sept 25 issue: Match brings you another free gift along with a chance to win some really fabulous prizes.

'Goodison's a dream move'

'EVERTON mad' Mickey believes he's made "the best move of my life."

"It's a dream for me — I've always been mad on the club," said Mickey.

"When I made up my mind that I wanted to leave Old Trafford I hoped Everton would come in for me."

"Now I'm hoping that I can express myself and enjoy my football again," said Mickey, who has been capped 22 times by Wales.

"It's an exciting time for the club because they've got a new manager in Howard Kendall and everything to look forward to."

"The manager is buying in new

players so it's difficult to say where I'll fit in with his plans — I just hope I can adjust to his pattern."

And to make the coming season even more exciting for the little midfielder, Mickey also has a World Cup Finals appearance firmly in his sights.

"Wales are doing very well and we've every reason to feel confident," he said.

"If we can sneak a draw in Russia and beat Iceland at home then we should be on course for Spain."

"This season offers a great deal and I'm really excited by the challenge."

BRIGHTON'S new signing Mike Thomas has no regrets over his bust-up with manager Howard Kendall — even though it meant a move from his beloved Everton.

The Welsh midfielder star sensationally moved from Goodison Park after just 10 League games when he wasn't recalled.

Immediately the first team after injury, Thomas missed one match through injury and fully intended to go straight back to the side.

When I heard the boss was going to buy me in the reserves, I went to see him. He didn't give me any solid reasons for leaving me, but I was annoyed. I thought I wouldn't be in the reserves."

Mike Thomas Match writer
Hawkswell's ill-fated move to Everton and for the future Brighton.

selection, but I don't make my stand."

"Even though the manager is working and on the right line, I believe the club will achieve much this season."

He needs to buy a new and a midfield player. And even though I stay at Everton, one, he still expects pressure on players and success."

'I'm no TROUBLE'



Sammy McIlroy — Mike teams up with his former Manchester United team-mate at Stoke.

NOW looking forward to a new career with Stoke City, Welsh international Mike Thomas tells reporter Anthony Hawkswell the inside story behind his nightmare 12 months

STOKE'S new signing Mike Thomas insists: "I'm no bad boy!"

The Welsh midfield ace is determined to prove he's no trouble-maker after a nightmare 12 months which has seen him move like a hot potato to three different First Division clubs.

First he left Manchester United for boyhood heroes Everton. He played just ten League games there before leaving Goodison Park following a bust-up with manager Howard Kendall.

His next stop was Brighton in a £350,000 deal, but the ink hardly had time to dry before Mike was insisting on a return to the North West.

The problem was that his former beauty queen wife refused to leave her North Wales home and move to the South coast, so the unsettled star put in a transfer request.

"Following all my problems of the last year, I know that a lot of people regard me as a bit of a lad, but nothing could be further from the truth," Mike told 'Match Weekly'.

"I've had so much bad publicity recently and people tend to believe what they read in the papers. Now I've got to convince them how wrong they were."

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FLASHBACK (above) to the December 5 issue of 'Match Weekly' when Mike spoke of his move to Brighton following a bust-up with Everton.
FLASHBACK (above left) to 'Match Weekly' August 15, 1981, when Mike told of his move from Manchester United to Everton. "It's a dream move," he said.



MAKER'

says Stoke's new signing Mike Thomas

"The only way I can do that is to be a success this season with Stoke," says Mike, who moved to the Victoria Ground in a £250,000 deal.

"I regret moving to Brighton more than anything else I've ever done. The transfer caused so many problems for me. It wasn't my fault — it was just the way things worked

When I joined the club, I wasn't given enough time to think about the move. I could have gone home and considered the move very carefully.

My wife wouldn't move down south and meant I had to travel to see her twice a week. The car journey to North Wales takes six hours — it was so tiring.

Sometimes I just didn't know where I was. "It was such a relief to be back up North," adds Mike.

"I've got no ill-feelings towards the club. Considering the trouble I caused them, they were very good and fair to me.

"When I finally left the Goldstone Ground, the chairman said some very complimentary things about me and that was very pleasing. I sent them a telegram of good luck on the

"I'm no bad boy," says Mike Thomas.

opening day of the season."

Stoke manager Richie Barker tried to sign Mike on loan at the end of last season but Brighton turned down the deal. "They wanted money for me," says Mike.

"At one stage, I thought I'd never get a move from Brighton. There was no news for ages."

Mike also interested Chelsea, but he says: "There was no way I'd have gone to Stamford Bridge. My only reason for wanting a transfer was to move nearer my family. Joining Chelsea wouldn't have solved any problems."

Now Mike's back up in the North West, he's determined to put his problems behind him and get back to enjoying his football.

"The last year was terrible for me — the worst of my career. I wasn't enjoying my football. I'm hoping this move has changed all that."

"Stoke is very much like Brighton as a club. They are both small and friendly. The only difference is that Brighton was in the wrong place for me."

Mike's hoping that the transfer will also

bring a change of role on the field. He says: "I wasn't happy with the way I was told to play at Brighton."

"My game is all about being involved in the middle of the park. I felt my role was too static at Brighton."

"I'm also looking forward to playing with my former Manchester United team-mate Sammy McIlroy. We had a good understanding on the pitch at Old Trafford and I hope we can pick it up again with Stoke."

Mike joined United from Wrexham in November 1978 for £300,000 and went on to make 90 League appearances for the club. He was also a member of United's FA Cup Final side of 1979.

"I enjoyed my time at United tremendously, but I don't regret leaving the club even though at the time I still had three years of my contract to run."

"Playing for Manchester United at Old Trafford was an experience I shall never forget. I just can't explain the feeling you get when you go out there in front of all those fans."

THE GRAEME WE'LL

LIVERPOOL travel to Arsenal on Saturday determined to break an incredible eight-year jinx.

Highbury is our bogey ground. We haven't won a First Division game there since 1973-74.

Last season we put up a better performance than most years when we drew 1-1, but this time round they'll be even more difficult to beat following the signings of Lee Chapman and Tony Woodcock.

By their own high standards Arsenal were disappointing last season and as a result they got a lot of stick from their own fans because of their lack of firepower.

Tony and Lee could help solve that problem and turn Arsenal into a Championship challenging side.

The Arsenal game kicks off a very tough week for us because the following Tuesday we entertain Nottingham Forest — another side we always find difficult to beat.

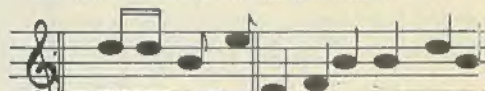
When Forest were in their trophy winning heyday a couple of years back we were involved in many memorable

Ian Rush rounds my former Anfield team mate Ray Clemence to score the only goal of our Charity Shield clash with the FA Cup holders. People have blasted the match as a 'waste of time' but that's only the case if you are not involved or you lose.

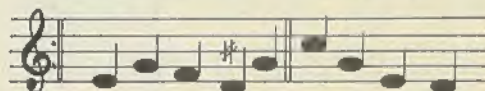
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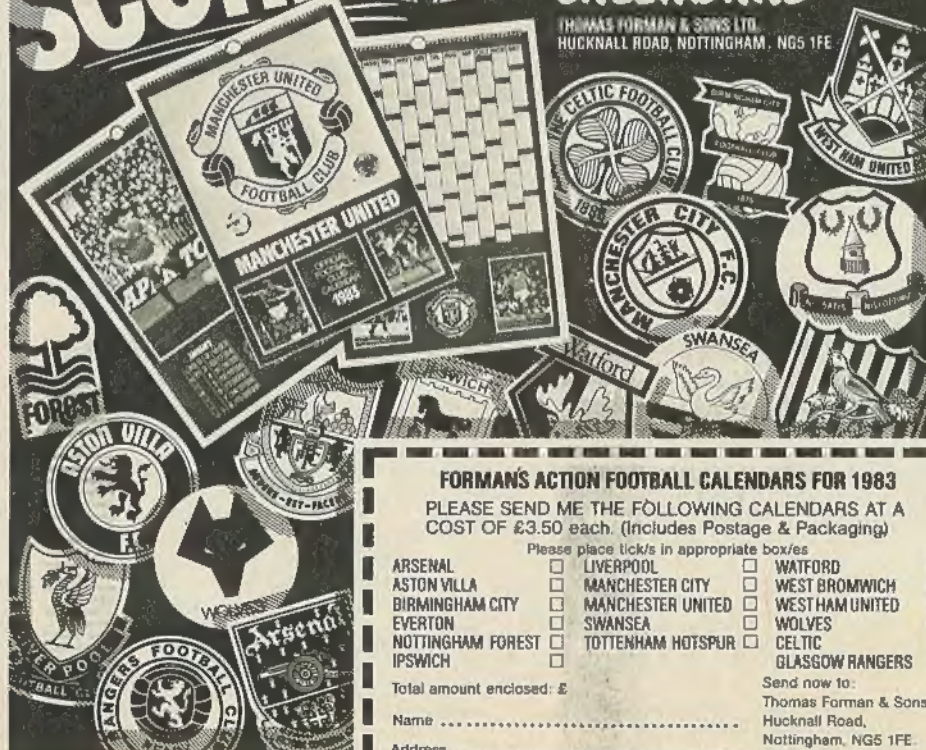
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clashes and on most occasions Brian Clough's men seemed to get the upper hand.

Although they have been on the slide over the last two years they're still a force to be reckoned with and we'll have to be on our guard.

Forest still have some very good players on their books and they'll be boosted by the fact that they've done so well against us in the past.

Our week finishes with a very interesting game at Anfield against Second Division Champions Luton. It will be my first chance to see them live.

From what I saw of them on television last season, they've got nothing to fear in the First Division. I'm sure they'll surprise a few people and do very well.

Some teams that come up from the Second just want to do a job and make sure they stay in the higher level. Luton aren't like that — they want to play.

And they've got the skilful players who can turn it on. Whenever I've seen them I've always been impressed with Ricky Hill and David Moss. They should do well in the top flight.

Skipper Brian Horton always gives 100 per cent and I'm sure his vast experience will play an important part this season.

Much of the credit for the club's success has got to go to manager David Pleat. When he took over a couple of years ago they were a very average side.

Liverpool's own season started a week earlier than most with a Wembley date against Tottenham in the Charity Shield.

Criticism

Unfortunately the game wasn't a classic, but we were pleased to win 1-0 and add yet another trophy to our sideboard.

The Charity Shield has come in for a lot of criticism in the past. People have blasted it as a waste of time. That's only the case if you're not involved or you've lost.

Apart from anything else the game gave us a chance to try something different — stringing three central defenders across the back.

Phil Thompson, Alan Hansen and Mark Lawrenson are three of the best centre-halves in the country and we have to play a certain way to get them all in the team.

The new system worked against Tottenham because they didn't give us any problem in the last third of the field.

One of the big advantages is that it gives our full-backs Phil Neal and Alan Kennedy more scope to attack and that's what they are good at.

The drawback is that you've got one man less in midfield and it takes you longer to win the ball. I'm not saying we'll use the new formation every game this season but at least it gives us another string to our bow.

The Charity Shield saw our new signing David Hodgson make his senior debut when he came on as substitute for Kenny Dalglish in the second half.

David has settled in very well since his



Liverpool's first trophy of the season... and hopefully not the last. Here I am in proud possession of the Charity Shield with team mate Alan Hansen following our Wembley victory over Spurs.

£450,000 signing from my old club Middlesbrough and I'm sure he'll do well at Anfield.

He did well for 'Boro' last season when they were struggling so I expect he'll be even better in a side that can win things.

David may have to bide his time before he gets a regular first team berth, but he's already putting extra pressure on the Anfield regulars.

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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Ossie Ardiles — "The World Cup is a very bad memory for me."

Rix rated England's worst!

ONE of Spain's leading football papers, Don Balon, took the usual step of publishing lists of the best and worst players for each team in the World Cup Finals.

Here are some of these findings: West Germany — best, Littbarski; worst, Schumacher. England — best, Robson; worst, Rix; Argentina — best, Passarella; worst, Diaz; Brazil — best, Falcao; worst, Valdir Perez; Scotland — best, Strachan; worst, Rough; France — best, Tigana; worst, Six; Northern Ireland — best, Armstrong; worst, Martin O'Neill; Italy — best, Conti; worst, Marini.

'FORGET IT' SAYS OSSIE

FORMER Tottenham star Ossie Ardiles is desperate to help Argentina erase the memory of disappointment in the World Cup Finals.

After arriving in France to make his debut for French Cup winners Paris St Germain, the midfield ace said:

"The World Cup is a very bad memory for me because I had been hoping for the best possible results. I would prefer to forget all about it and playing in Spain.

"So many top internationals have left Argentina to play for big European clubs that the manager has many problems.

"For my own part, I would be ready to play again for Argentina if I was given the chance."

Ardiles also said that he was delighted to sign for his new Paris-based club because he loves the French capital.

He said he had been a frequent visitor to Paris while playing for Tottenham and he added that he was looking forward to playing with Baratelli, Bathenay and Rocheteau, whom he had met four years earlier in the Argentina World Cup.

"I wouldn't be here though if it wasn't for the war of the Malvinas (Falkland Islands). I was very fortunate to play in England where I always had a very warm reception."

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Brazil star Leandro — target for top European clubs.

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YOUNG Brazilian defender Leandro is a big target for the European giants.

The right-back, who made a big impression in the World Cup Finals, is in dispute with his Brazilian club Flamengo.

He was looking for a big rise in wages, imagining Brazil would return from Spain as world champions, but it was not to be.

Now he is drawing the attention of clubs all around the world.

Meanwhile, the honours are still pouring in for Roberto Falcao following his brilliant performances for Brazil in Spain.

He was elected Brazil's best player and has now been decorated by the Governor of the state of Rio Grande with one of the country's highest distinctions.

No frills for Diego

ARGENTINIAN star Diego Maradona has been warned not to expect 'star' treatment at Barcelona.

His new manager, Udo Lattek, says of his £3 million signing: "Maradona will have no special rights or privileges at all. He will be treated in exactly the same way as all the other players."

Barcelona are expecting to attract

three million fans through their turnstiles this season.

With Maradona, Danish striker Allan Simonsen and German ace Bernd Schuster in their ranks, the Spanish giants are expecting attendances of around 100,000 for each of their 17 home League matches.

LIFT-OFF!

GROUNDING GRAHAM GETS HIS TRANSFER



Graham Baker — "The last straw came for me when I was dropped after scoring against Tottenham. I realised then I'd have to leave Southampton."

GRAHAM Baker thought his move to Maine Road had been grounded just as he was preparing for it to take off.

The former Southampton star was all ready to fly off to Manchester for a meeting with City boss John Bond when he was sensationally asked about the plane.

Graham explains: "My seat-belt was fastened as the plane was moving up the runway when an announcement came over the tannoy asking me to make myself known to the cabin crew."

"I just didn't know what to think. I was totally shocked at first [I thought I'd done something illegal]."

Then it was explained that the City deal was off and he wasn't needed in Manchester. He had to get off the plane with all his luggage.

"I felt terribly sorry, though I was my chance of joining City had gone," he says.

The transfer hit a snag because the two clubs failed to agree over the means of payment so the £225,000 deal was put on ice.

But Graham's agony didn't last long because two days later he was called aside by manager Lawrie McMenemy and told that all the problems had been ironed out.

This time all the negotiations were carried out on the telephone. "I didn't like to go anywhere without my aeroplane!"

The 23-year-old midfielder admits that he'd been looking for a move from The Dell for over a year after failing to establish himself as a first-team regular.

"I asked the manager for a move during the close season but he turned it down. He told me to give it another year."

The last straw came for Baker against Tottenham at White Hart Lane last term. "I scored a goal and thought I'd played well and yet I was dropped for the next match."

"I realised then that I had to leave Southampton," says Graham, who made 26 League appearances for "The Saints" last season.

"It didn't seem to matter how well I played because I always seemed to be second best at Southampton. Other players were always asked to start."

I never thought the manager really wanted to sell me. He needed some cash to buy Shilton from Nottingham Forest so he accepted my offer.

Although Southampton have grown in stature as a club in the last two or three years they can't compare with City. This club is a legend.

They are very big and hungry for success. I hope I can help them win something this season.

It's down to me now to try to settle in. The other players have been fabulous already and as though I've been here for a couple of years.

Southampton boss Graham has no second thoughts about moving from his home town club and trying his luck in the North West.

He says: "Obviously it was a wrench to leave Southampton but a footballer has got to be prepared to move if he wants to be successful."

"I've got some very happy memories of my time at The Dell and I'll miss the club but I'll do my best to do well."

The high noon of his career has got to be when he scored on his debut as an 18-year-old against Blackpool in 1977. That was a moment I will always treasure.

I also picked up a couple of England Under-21 caps against Norway and Rumania in 1981.

Without Kevin Keegan in the side next season, Graham believes that his old club could struggle in the First Division.

His shock departure to Newcastle hit me like a bombshell — Southampton really miss him.

The loss of Kevin leaves the side short of firepower up front and that's not a problem they've suffered before. Scoring goals was always a strength.

They could have come back with both Kevin and Peter Shilton in the side. Now it's difficult to say how they will fare.

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Spotlight on Highfield Road and the dilemma facing the former Coventry skipper . . .

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THE DALY NEWS GERRY DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR



Former Coventry skipper Gerry Daly — on the transfer list.

Left: Coventry full-back Danny Thomas — one of the most promising youngsters at Highfield Road.



COVENTRY — Former Coventry midfielder Gerry Daly admits he's really keen to leave the club.

The 21-year-old, who has been at Highfield Road since he was 16, says he is not happy with his current situation. He feels that he is not getting enough game time and that his progress is being hindered by the club's financial problems. Daly is keen to move to a club where he can play regularly and develop his skills. He has been linked with several clubs, including Aston Villa and Birmingham City, but has not yet made a decision. Daly's manager, Brian Talbot, has expressed his disappointment at the player's desire to leave, but has also acknowledged that Daly is a talented player who needs to be challenged. The club is currently in a difficult financial position, which has led to a number of players being sold or loaned out. Daly's situation is a reflection of the club's overall problems. He is one of the many young players who have been part of the club's youth system, but who have not been able to break into the first team. Daly's departure would be a significant blow to the club, as he is one of its most promising talents. However, it is also a necessary step for the club to take, as it needs to raise money to survive. Daly's decision to leave is a difficult one, but it is one that he has to make for his own career. He is a talented player who needs to be challenged, and he believes that he can achieve that at another club. The club, on the other hand, is in a difficult position. It needs to raise money to survive, and it needs to find a way to keep its most talented players. Daly's situation is a difficult one, but it is one that has to be faced. The club and the player both have to make a decision, and it is a decision that will have a significant impact on the future of the club.

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SECOND STRING SUPERSTARS!

POWER in reserve! Match highlights the strength of Manchester United's Championship challenge . . .

MANCHESTER United are one of the leading contenders to wrest the League Championship from Liverpool's vice-like grip.

And, when one assesses the quality and depth of the Old Trafford squad, it's not surprising that they are being regarded as Liverpool's main rivals for the coveted honour.

The trademark of Liverpool's success over the years has been the strength of their pool and the way they ease young players into senior roles without the Anfield machine being affected.

The emergence of striker Ian Rush and midfield ace Ronnie Whelan as replacements last season for trusty servants Ray Kennedy and David Johnson illustrates that point.

But United's foray into the summer transfer market, including the capture of Dutch maestro Arnold Muhren on a 'free' from title rivals Ipswich, has underlined their intention to become England's top club again after a 17-year wait.

The strength of the Liverpool squad over the years can be gauged by the way their reserves have totally dominated the Central League.

But this season, while United challenge their Lancashire neighbours on the First Division front, their second string looks impressive enough to do likewise in the reserve competition.

Assuming that Ron Atkinson has all his squad free from injury, he has a mighty eye-catching reserve side that on paper would virtually hold its own in the First Division.

If the United supremo relies on the team that finished last season, with Muhren taking over in midfield from young Ashley Grimes, and Eire striker Frank Stapleton renewing his partnership with Garry Birtles, then these are the players who will be in the 'stiffs'.



In reserve? Remi Moses — a £500,000 signing.



In reserve? Former United skipper Martin Buchan.

There's experienced Scottish internationals like former skipper Martin Buchan and midfield dynamo Lou Macari, who spent most of last season on the injury list.

Also looking for midfield places in the First Division will be Remi Moses, an £500,000 signing from West Brom last summer, and Eire international Grimes, whose progress last season was affected by illness.

At the back, new £30,000 signing Paul McGrath from Irish side St Patrick's, is already highly-rated, and England Under 21 international Mike Duxbury will be pushing John Gidman for the right back berth.

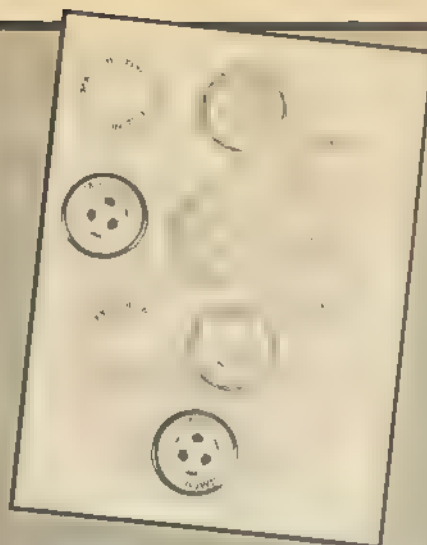
It could also be interesting up front with 17-year-old Norman Whiteside, fresh from his success in Northern Ireland's World Cup side, challenging £1 million striker Garry Birtles for a regular Division One role.

Former Carlisle striker Peter Beardsley is on route from Vancouver Whitecaps when the American season is over, and there's also talented youngsters Scott McGarvey, Alan Davies and free transfer signing Peter Bodak pushing for recognition.

So how's this for an internal battle between Manchester United and their reserves?

A TEAM: Gary Bailey; John Gidman, Kevin Moran, Gordon McQueen, Arthur Albiston; Arnold Muhren, Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins; Steve Coppell, Frank Stapleton, Garry Birtles.

B TEAM: Stephen Pears; Mike Duxbury, Paul McGrath, Martin Buchan, Ashley Grimes; Remi Moses, Lou Macari, Peter Beardsley; Peter Bodak, Norman Whiteside, Scott McGarvey.



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And don't worry if you missed token number one which appeared in the August 28 issue. All will be revealed next week.

The address to which you should send your tokens will appear in our September 11 issue so keep them safe and you can be among the first proud wearers of one of our super badges.



SOCCERWORD

Across

1. He played for England in the World Cup Finals in Spain where he wore this number (4)
 3 & 9. The ever-present David Williams was this club's Player of the Year last season (7,6)
 10. Walford, Wallington and Walsh, for instance, have all won England caps (5)
 11. 'Hal Niall' (anagram) — he has spent the last nine seasons with Wrexham (4,4)
 12. An opportunity to score (6)
 15. Spectators watch the match from them (6)
 16. 'The Baron' (anagram) — Mike began with Birmingham before going to Blackburn (8)
 19. The nickname of Barnsley (5)
 22 & 21. An England striker who spent time with Arsenal and Derby but has since moved around in an unsettled manner (7,6)
 23. A new signing this season for Forest — though he's a very experienced



Down

1. Manager Murdoch, maybe (6)
 2. He won over half the England caps whilst with Internazionale (8)
 3. Clubs usually — players they can afford to keep (7)
 4. A — match can often become boring because — (3,5)
 5. The — is never in doubt (6)
 7. One of the Greenhoff brothers (5)
 8. He appeared for Scotland in the 1970s and the 1982 World Cup finals (6)
 11. 'Stan's art' (anagram) — or is it Irving's work? (8)
 13. An old York City manager who shares a first name with 22 across — and another, more recent one who does the same (6)
 17. The Jones whose clubs have included Bournemouth and Blackburn (8)
 18. — and the one who has been with Walsall and Wimbledon (5)

BLANKETY BLANK

FILL in the blanks to complete the Liverpool and Tottenham teams which started this season's Charity Shield game at Wembley.
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Kennedy,, Lawrenson, Hansen,, Lee,, Whelan, Souless.
 Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller,, Hazard, Lacy,, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle.....

MATCH THEM UP

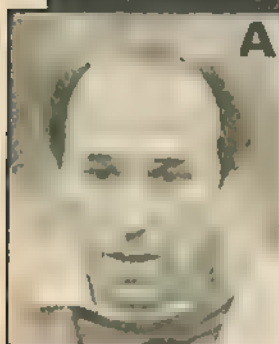
CAN you match up these Third Division goalkeepers with their proper clubs?

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| 1 Mervyn Cawston | A Walsall |
| 2 Ron Green | B Newport |
| 3 David Felgate | C Southend |
| 4 Mark Kendall | D Lincoln |

NICKNAMES

CAN you match the following clubs with their current nicknames?

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| A Southend | 1 The Merry Millers |
| B Rotherham | 2 The Seals |
| C Halifax | 3 The Quakers |
| D Chester | 4 The U's |
| E Darlington | 5 The Shaymen |
| F Oxford | 6 The Shrimpers |



NEW SIGNINGS

PICTURED are four players who were transferred in the close season. Can you identify them and the teams involved in the deals?



SOLUTIONS

NEW SIGNINGS: Pic A Bryan Robson (Carlisle to Chelsea); B Trevor Ayiot (Barnsley to Millwall); C Carl Harris (Leeds to Charlton); D Peter Eastoe (Levinton to West Brom).
 MATCH THEM UP: 1-C; 2-A; 3-D; 4-B.
 BLANKETY BLANK: Liverpool: Thompson, Dalglish, Rush, Crooks, Tottenham: O'Reilly, Mabbutt, Brighton: 2 David Johnson and Kevin Shedy; 3 The Railwaymen; 4 Kevin Reeves (13); 5 One versus Switzerland (1976); 6 Priestfield Stadium; 7 Motherwell; 8 Denmark; 9 Port Vale; 10 Ipswich, Man. Utd, Arsenal and Southampton.
 SOCCERWORD: Across: 1. Butcher; 4. Four; 8 & 9. Bristol Rovers; 10. Youth; 11. Alan Hill; 12. Chance; 15. stands; 18. Rathbone; 19. Tykes; 22 & 21. Charlie George; 23. Todd; 24. reserve.
 Down: 1. Bobby; 2. Hitchens; 3. release; 5. one-sided; 6. result; 7. Brian; 13. Hartford; 14. Natterass; 15. Spencer; 16. Wright; 17. Roger; 20. Steve.
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- 1 Name the two previous League clubs of Liverpool's Mark Lawrenson?
- 2 Which two players moved across from Liverpool to Everton in £100,000 deals during the close season?
- 3 What is the nickname of Fourth Division Crewe?
- 4 Who finished last season as Manchester City's leading goalscorer in the League?
- 5 How many times has Aston Villa's Des Bremner been capped for Scotland at full international level?
- 6 Where do Gillingham play?
- 7 Which club finished last season as Scottish First Division Champions?
- 8 England's next game is a European Championship qualifier. Which country do they play?
- 9 From which club did Stoke boss Richie Barker sign striker Mark Chamberlain and 'keeper Mark Harrison in the close season?
- 10 Name England's four representatives in this season's UEFA Cup?

RIDDLE TIME

I was once rejected by Portsmouth as a youngster, but have since gone on to skipper England. I joined my present club as an amateur and turned professional in 1966. I won my first England cap in 1972 and hold the League appearance record for my club.

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The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was: Pat Jennings of Arsenal.

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I'M GUNNING FOR GOALS!

The Arsenal and England midfield ace tells why he's raring to go this season. Don't miss his exclusive views every fortnight — only in 'Match'.

I BELIEVE this could be my best-ever season for Arsenal.

My experiences for England in the World Cup Finals certainly boosted my understanding of the game.

And never before at the start of a new season have I felt so confident.

I scored a few goals last season, some as an emergency striker, and I now feel sure I can score on a more regular basis.

And, like the rest of the England players, I am under pressure from the first whistle to strike impressive form.

Our opening match of the European Championship in Denmark is only a few weeks away, and I will have to play well from the start to remain in the England squad.

With Bobby Robson having taken over as

manager, every player who was on duty in Spain is on trial.

In many respects, it's like starting out all over again with the need to impress the new England boss and show him that you ought to be part of his plans.

Having been involved in the World Cup, it's my ambition this season to retain my place in the England squad, and, if possible, carve myself a regular slot in the team.

And my objective will be helped no end if Arsenal are well to the fore in the race for honours.

I'm not going to forecast that we will win the title, but I believe we have a stronger squad than last year and I'm sure we will be there or thereabouts when the honours are handed out.

Apart from the arrival of strikers Lee Chapman and Tony Woodcock and the signing of Yugoslavia's Vladimir Petrovic, all the youngsters are that much wiser and more experienced after being pushed in at the deep end last season.

So there's going to be healthy competition for places this season, unlike last term when about eight or nine of us were virtually guaranteed a place every game.

For instance, we have two World Cup goalkeepers in Pat Jennings and George Wood, and there's not many clubs in that position!

Of the new signings, I'm certain that Vladimir Petrovic will prove the outstanding buy when he finally gets his release from the Yugoslavian FA, probably in December.

I know he didn't impress in the World Cup Finals, but I rate him as a world class player and he could prove a key factor in our bid for honours this season.

He will provide us with some subtle skills on the right hand side of midfield — an ingredient that has been absent from our play in recent

We shall get an early indication of our ability when we clash headlong with champions Liverpool at Highbury this weekend.

We have proved a bogey side to Liverpool at Highbury over the past few years, and, to be quite truthful, they were lucky to escape with a 1-1 draw in the corresponding match last season.

I feel they treat us with more respect than they do some other clubs in the League, plus the fact that we know how to play against them... a secret I'm not going to reveal.

Apart from the visit of Liverpool, our start to the season is not that awesome — and should enable us to get off to a confident beginning.

We are renowned slow starters so it would be nice to get a few points in the bag during the opening weeks to set us up for the winter slog.

Our pre-season performances gradually improved after the disastrous tournament in Holland where we lost to Feyenoord and Austria Vienna.

We didn't play that badly against the Dutch



side although we lost 2-0, but against the Austrians we were a disgrace in losing 4-0.

Our attitude just wasn't right and I was probably one of the biggest culprits. We had a lashing from manager Terry Neill and coach Don Howe and, following that, things got better.

We had a couple of matches in Egypt and returned unbeaten which was quite creditable in difficult conditions.

The pitches were diabolical. They were like park grounds with lumps of rock and bits of glass lying around.

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We drew 0-0 with an Alexandria Select XI and then defeated the Egyptian national side, who only just lost to Kuwait in the World Cup qualifying rounds.

We finished our pre-season programme with a 3-1 victory at Chelsea in a match we dominated throughout. Lee Chapman got a goal and linked up well with Alan Sunderland as Tony Woodcock was ruled out through illness.

So, having gone through a phase a few weeks ago when I was dreading the start of the season, I now feel sharp and eager for action.

● Graham Rix was talking to Melvyn Beck.



Below: Vladimir Petrovic — I'm certain he'll prove Arsenal's outstanding buy.

YORKSHIRE is without a First Division representative for the first time this century. 'Match' highlights the county's bid to redress the balance...

YORKSHIRE clubs can dominate the Second Division promotion race this season.

That's the view of Rotherham hard man Gerry Gow, whose inspiration in midfield last season almost earned Emlyn Hughes' side promotion at the first attempt.

Rotherham eventually finished seventh, one place behind local rivals Barnsley, and three adrift of Sheffield Wednesday, who missed promotion by just one point.

Now, with Leeds having been relegated, leaving Yorkshire without a First Division team for the first time this century, former Manchester City star Gerry is expecting a four-pronged attack on promotion from within a radius of twenty miles.

Gerry is certainly backing his own team's chances of reaching the First Division for the first time in their history.

They've added Everton winger Joe McBride to last season's squad, and Gerry feels he could be the final piece of the jigsaw.

"With Tony Towner on the right hand side and Joe on the left, we are bound to make even more chances this season because we are an attacking side," he says.

"I think some of the lads were a little frightened last season because it was the first time a lot of them had been involved at such a level.

"But we saw last season that there is nothing to be frightened of in the Second Division.

"I have never been involved with a team that has shown such confidence and sharpness in pre-season matches.

"And having been involved in the promotion race last season, we are all aware of what is needed if we get in certain situations this season.

"Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday and ourselves all know what is required to get into the First Division. You must avoid throwing



Sheffield Wednesday's Gary Bannister — top scorer last season and hoping to fire the club into the top time this term.

GERRY'S PACEMAKERS!

YORKSHIRE CLUBS CAN DOMINATE SAYS GOW

away points at vital stages.

"It certainly wouldn't surprise me if three of the Yorkshire clubs got promoted."

Gerry believes that Leeds will be the biggest threat in the Second Division.

"They have a strong squad and, once they get adjusted to Second Division styles, then they should do well.

"When I was at Bristol City, we were relegated and tried to play the same way in the Second, but it didn't work because we didn't get so much time on the ball.

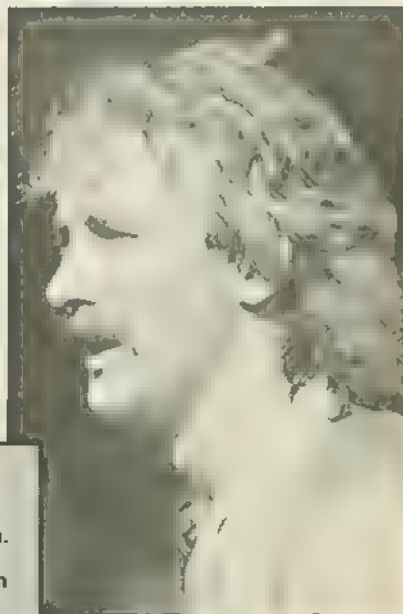
"But if Leeds can adjust their style, then they have the players to jump straight back to the First Division.

"Barnsley and Sheffield

Wednesday both had good sides last season, and I'm certain they will be among the front runners again."

Wednesday, although having lost the services of flamboyant winger Terry Curran to city rivals United, have strengthened their defence with the signings of Everton's Mick Lyons for £80,000 and Middlesbrough full back Ian Bailey for £100,000.

But the chances of Barnsley have been hit by the shock return of star striker Trevor Aylott to London, where he has joined Millwall, and the departure of experienced midfielder player Ray McHale to Sheffield United.



Gerry Gow — "It certainly wouldn't surprise me if three of the Yorkshire clubs won promotion."

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Leeds United — relegated from Division One.
Sheffield Wednesday — fourth in Division Two
Barnsley — sixth in Division Two.
Rotherham — seventh in Division Two.

THE MAIN RIVALS

... and how they fared last season.
Q.P.R. — fifth in Division Two.
Leicester — eighth in Division Two.
Newcastle — ninth in Division Two, but now with the addition of Kevin Keegan.

BRIAN STEIN

FOCUS on Luton's speedy striker . . .

FULL NAME: Brian Stein.
BIRTHPLACE: South Africa
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 10ins./11st. 6lbs.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Vauxhall Cavalier.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Clerical officer for health authority.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Steiny'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Ligaments in 1978/79.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Frans Thijssen — because of his ability on the ball.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Pele — the greatest player ever.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Madeley (England), O'Leary (Eire), Moore, Cooper, Charlton R., Hoddle (England), Best (N. Ireland), Law (Scotland), Greaves (England), Dalglish (Scotland).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning side with Gordon Banks in goal: Banks, Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo, Gerson, Clodoaldo, Jarzinho, Pele, Tostao, Rivelino.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Upton Park.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Malmö, Sweden.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Bolton, 1980/81.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Glen, Hoddle's volley against Manchester United in the League Cup in season 1980/81.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Colin Todd.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Luton's 4-1 win against Shrewsbury when we clinched promotion.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: A hat-trick against Newcastle and winning the Second Division Championship last season.
WILDEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not gaining promotion the previous two seasons.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, snooker and horse racing.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Trying different sports — like horse riding, water skiing and maybe hang-gliding!
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and gardening.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Hill Street Blues and Minder.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Sapphire and Steel.
FAVOURITE READING: Biographies.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Bob Marley and The Wailers.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Veal.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager and sparkling wine.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Border.
BEST FRIEND: Several close ones.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Albert Hill and my brother, Edwin.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Crowd violence.
PRE MATCH MEAL: Boiled chicken.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy, healthy and wealthy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To become one of the best strikers in the country.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Social worker.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: My younger brother, Mark, and apprentice Mitchell Thomas.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Muhammad Ali.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Always believe in your own ability or no-one else will.




STAR GALLERY



This drawing of Chelsea skipper Micky Droy (above) was sent in by Paul Sutherill of Stevenage, Herts, who says: "He's one of the best defenders in the Second Division."



"Frans Thijssen is an excellent passer of the ball and a good dribbler," says Andrew Hucks (11) of Chelmsford, Essex, who drew this picture of the Ipswich star.

Fourteen-year-old Daren Richards of Pinner, Middlesex, has drawn Tony Currie (below) and says of the Queen's Park Rangers star: "He's a brilliant and exciting player."

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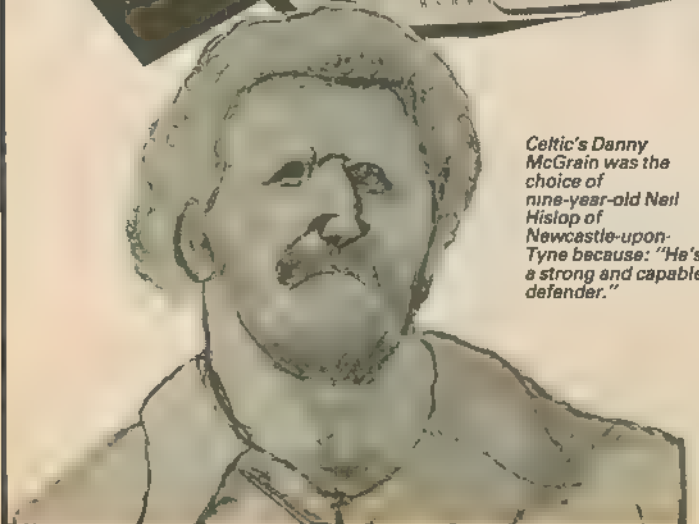
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Celtic's Danny McGrain was the choice of nine-year-old Neil Hislop of Newcastle-upon-Tyne because: "He's a strong and capable defender."

TERRACE TALK

Edited by
Michael Weavers



WELCOME once more to your new-look letters page... with unique prizes for every reader who gets his or her letter published!

Yes, throughout the new season we'll be giving away a super metal lapel badge (pictured) to every person whose comments are published in 'Match' and each badge will carry that special 'Terrace Talk' logo.

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So get those letters coming in NOW and you could be the envy of your friends.

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WELL DONE Joey Jones. The ex-Liverpool defender has stayed loyal to Wrexham despite the club's drop into Division Three.

Joey turned down an offer from Chelsea and kept faith with the North Wales club. In a day and age when players are performing a game of musical chairs with League clubs, it is refreshing to hear of a player staying loyal.

Joey will gain great respect for staying at Wrexham and fighting it out in the Third Division.

C Grogan, Ryhope, near Sunderland.

● **MAYBE**, but it can't help his Welsh international ambitions and he would have joined Chelsea had the terms been right.

I THINK the criticism aimed at top British footballers, when they decide to take their talents abroad, is unjust and narrow-minded.

Players who want to exploit their talents to the full must go where the money and facilities best suit them. British football cannot compete with the major European soccer nations in these aspects and, until we can, our top players will ultimately venture abroad, as do the masters of other professions.

The loss of Trevor Francis, Liam Brady, Joe Jordan and, at one stage, Kevin Keegan and Tony Woodcock to better equipped soccer nations is unfortunate.

But why should people complain? British football has lured the likes of Ricardo Villa, Osvaldo Ardiles, Annold Muhren

and Frans Thijssen. And the exports and imports seem to balance out.

That's why the English League, despite its financial plight, remains the best in the world. Ian Dovaston, Chester-Le-Street, Co. Durham.



Manchester City boss John Bond

WHAT on earth is Manchester City boss John Bond up to?

I've never seen so much close season transfer wheeling-and-dealing at Maine Road.

First of all, there was the shock move by Trevor Francis to Sampdoria and the signing of West Ham striker David Cross, then several swap deals arranged involving several of City's first team stars.

How can all this unrest be good for the club? Surely it would have been better for City to start the season with a settled, happy side.

Matthew Cunliffe, Thames Ditton, Surrey.



Arsenal's new capture Tony Woodcock — he's in B. Anderson's transfer team.

HERE'S my team of players who have been transferred during the close season:

Peter Shilton (Forest to Southampton), John Craggs (Middlesbrough to Newcastle), Billy Ashcroft (Middlesbrough to FC Twente), Kevin Sheedy (Liverpool to Everton), Mick Lyons (Everton to Sheff. Wed.), Arnold Muhren (Ipswich to Man. Utd.), Terry Curran (Sheff. Wed. to Sheff. Utd.), Trevor Francis (Man. City to Sampdoria), Dave Hodgson (Middlesbrough to Liverpool), Tony Woodcock (Cologne to Arsenal), Peter Barnes (Leeds to Real Betis), B Anderson, Spennymoor, Co. Durham.

I'M staggered that the BBC seem to have forgiven Jimmy Hill for his part in the rebel football tour of South Africa.

I think Hill should be sacked from 'Match of the Day' and lose his job at Coventry.

Jenny Doughty, Tipton, West Midlands.

● **A BIG Jimmy Hill fan, are you?**

HERE'S my football top ten:

- 1 I Like Driving In My Car — Kuwait World Cup players.
 - 2 Too Late — West Germany's World Cup Final Goal.
 - 3 Because You're Young — Norman Whiteside.
 - 4 Rabbit — Brian Clough.
 - 5 Grandad — Dino Zoff.
 - 6 Fame — Paulo Rossi.
 - 7 Shy Boy — Norwich boss Ken Brown.
 - 8 I'm A Wonderful Thing — Diego Maradona.
 - 9 Kids In America — Dave McCreery.
 - 10 The Clapping Song — Anfield.
- Mark Amos, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

WATCH OUT! Sheffield United are on the march!

After their surprising drop into the Fourth Division, United stormed back to win the Championship last season by a clear five points and with an impressive goal tally of 94.

Now the Bramhall Lane faithful can expect more success.

Ambitious manager Ian Porterfield has strengthened his squad considerably with the signing of Terry Curran and the Third Division Championship looks within their grasp this season.

Michael Smith, Worksop, Notts.

I THINK Leeds United's Welsh international midfielder Brian Flynn is a credit to football.

Even though Leeds suffered the ignominy of relegation and face a hard season in Division Two, Brian stayed loyal and didn't ask for a transfer like some of his club-mates.

Brian's a battler and Leeds will certainly need him in their bid to bounce back into the First Division. I hope they both succeed.

John Callaghan, Co. Cork, Eire.

THIS is the time of the year for soccer predictions. Here are three of your forecasts...

First Division Champions, Liverpool, **runners-up,** Man. United or Tottenham. **Second Division Champions,** Rotherham; **Milk Cup winners,** Ipswich; **FA Cup winners,** Tottenham; **European Cup winners,** Liverpool

Claire Dobson, Leicester.

First Division Champions, Liverpool; **runners-up,** Ipswich; **relegated,** Notts County, Brighton, Sunderland; **Second Division Champions,** Leeds; **also promoted,** Sheff. Wed and Chelsea; **relegated,** Fulham, Rotherham, Bolton. **Third Division Champions,** Huddersfield; **also promoted,** Sheff. United and Orient; **relegated,** Bournemouth, Reading, Bristol Rovers and Newport. **Fourth Division Champions,** Blackpool; **also promoted,** Swindon, Peterborough, Colchester. **FA Cup winners,** Liverpool; **Milk Cup winners,** Watford; **Robert Boothroyd,** Huddersfield.

First Division Champions, Southampton; **runners-up,** Tottenham; **relegated,** Stoke, Notts County, Coventry. **Division Two Champions,** Burnley; **also promoted,** Sheff. Wed., Leicester or Rotherham; **relegated,** Bolton, Cambridge, Derby. **Division Three Champions,** Sheffield United; **also promoted,** Plymouth, Lincoln or Oxford; **relegated,** Millwall, Preston, Doncaster and Reading. **Division Four Champions,** Bury; **also promoted,** Hereford, Blackpool, Swindon or Port Vale; **applying for re-election,** Scunthorpe, Bristol City, Darlington and Tranmere. **Scottish Premier Division Champions,** Hibernian or Celtic; **relegated,** Dundee and Rangers. **English FA Cup winners,** Tottenham; **runners-up,** Leicester. **Scottish FA Cup winners,** Celtic; **runners-up,** Hibernian.

Alan Headon, Dublin.

I CAN'T think why the bookmakers make Liverpool, Ipswich and Manchester United favourites for the First Division Championship.

Once my team — Sunderland — get going, there will be no stopping them!

B. Andrews, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.

● **IF there's any more like you around, the bookies can**

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THAT'S IT! I'm finished with Middlesbrough Football Club.

I've supported Boro since Jackie Charlton was manager at Ayresome Park but I, and many other 'Boro' supporters, are fed up with the way the club sells off all its best players.

Look at the list of talent that has been traded away from Ayresome Park: Graeme Souness (to Liverpool), Dave Armstrong (to Southampton), Mark Proctor (to Forest) and Craig Johnston (to Liverpool).

The last straw came when Dave Hodgson, our best striker in years, was sold, once again, to Liverpool.

Imagine the side Middlesbrough would have been able to field if we had been able to hang on to these players. We would have had the best midfield in the country and certainly wouldn't have to play Second Division football this season.

I won't be going to Ayresome Park this term, not unless Liverpool are playing... then I can see the sort of team Middlesbrough ought to have.

Gerard Carolan, Peshaw, Houghton-le-Spring.

● **And you can watch them get beaten too! You have our sympathies, but success breeds success.**

look forward to bulging satchels at the end of the season.

HOW'S this for a team of giants?

Joe Corrigan (Man. City)... 6 ft. 4½ in

Paul Dyson (Coventry)... 6 ft. 2 in.

Joe Gallagher (Wolves) 6 ft. 2 in.

Allan Evans (Aston Villa) 6 ft. 1½ in.

Gordon McQueen (Man Utd) 6 ft. 4 in.

Terry Butcher (Ipswich) 6 ft. 4 in.

Trevor Brooking (West Ham) 6 ft. 1½ in

Peter Withe (Aston Villa) 6 ft. 2 in.

Lee Chapman (Arsenal) .. 6 ft. 2½ in

Glenn Hoddle (Spurs) 6 ft. 1½ in.

Dave Swindlehurst (Derby) 6 ft. 2 in

Phil Lawrence, Horsham, West Sussex.



John Lukic of Leeds — let's see him tried in goal for England, pleads David Dunbar.

NOW'S the time for new England manager Bobby Robson to get things moving and get some young blood into the team.

The time is ripe for change. Let's see Gary Bailey and John Lukic tried in goal, Danny Thomas, Chris Whyte, Paul Miller given a chance in defence

and Sammy Lee, Gordon Cowans, Ricky Hill and Mike Hazard making up the midfield behind attackers Gary Shaw, Garth Crooks and Lee Chapman.

Come on, Bobby, you've got a great squad of young talent just waiting for you.

David Dunbar, Erdington, Birmingham.

● **BUT none as good as the present England line-up!**

Golden Goof

I KNOW Italy were hungry for success, but this newspaper report, sent in by Andrew Rees of Johannesburg, South Africa, made a meal of their World Cup victory:

ROME — At you thought driving in the Italian capital was hazardous, it has never been anything like it was last night after news arrived that Italy had eaten Poland to reach the World Cup Final.

I'M disgusted with the decision by the Yugoslav FA not to allow their midfielder Vladimir Petrovic to join Arsenal in time for the start of the season.

Arsenal had the deal tied up well before the World Cup and all parties were happy with the deal.

But following Yugoslavia's pathetic showing in Spain they've decided to hold on to their top stars. That makes them really bad losers!

Richard Burrell, Romsey, Hants.

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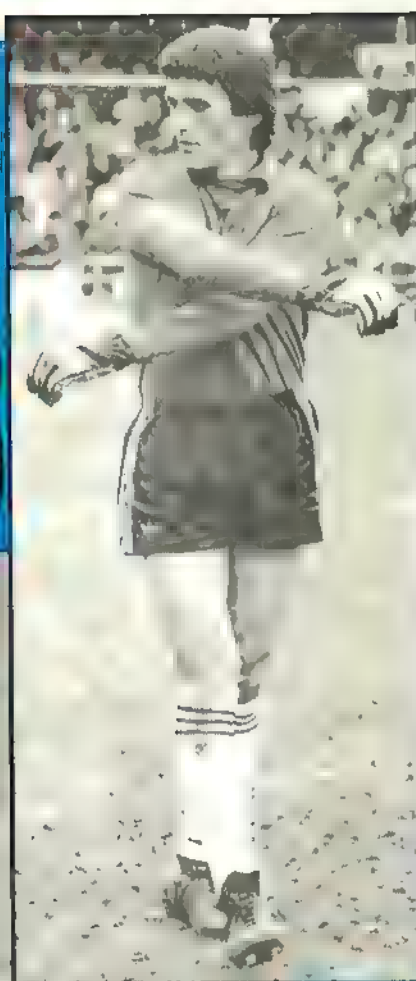
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BACK ROW (left to right) — Kevin Arnott, Mike Trusson, Keith Waugh, John McPhail, Stewart Houston, Steve Conroy, Bob Hatton, Robert Atkins

UNITED



Back row: Wilson, Anderson, Neill, Gibson, Brown, P. and Richardson, Stead, Per Charles. FRONT: G. Morris, Keith Edwards, Terry Colman, Ian Redford.



ABOVE: Northern Ireland boots pinching his toes.
TOP LEFT: Coventry in at the other end.
TOP RIGHT: "Brill! Nottingham County's Raddy Avramovic."
MIDDLE LEFT: "Are you deaf or something," Spurs' Clemence bawls out the Spurs defence.
MIDDLE RIGHT: "Make that two pieces of fish," says Steven Wednesday's Bob Boldie. Or perhaps it's "Goal! Bobby Smith!"

'I'LL BE PLAYING NEXT MONTH' SAYS MORAN

EAGERLY awaiting an October comeback, brave young striker Steve Moran told this week of his battle to beat the injury which has kept him sidelined for eight months.

It was back in January when Steve last played for Southampton — his season cut short by a serious back injury.

The news is good. The vital operation on his spine was a success and this week Steve hopes to be stepping up the training with some light contact football.

In a month, he hopes to be playing again — bidding to pick up where he left off that long ago day in January when he scored to earn the 'Saints' a point at Goodison Park.

Recalls Steve: "The pain in my back was unbearable after the game and, while I managed to get through the

whole match, I broke down in training as we prepared for our next match against Arsenal.

"I'd had twinges in my back on and off for a couple of years, but the pain was easily cured with tablets.

"This time I couldn't shake it off. The grounds were very hard and that obviously hadn't helped."

Rest failed to do the trick and eventually Steve was sent to see a specialist. Two lots of X-rays later, the problem was diagnosed and it was decided to operate.

"Basically, the problem was damaged vertebrae and, to be honest, it was a relief when I finally found out what was causing the problem — even though it was serious.

"I realised that having the operation would put me out for the rest of the season, but without it I might never have been able to play football again.

SAINT STEVE STEPS BACK

"It was a worrying time because there was always that chance that the operation wouldn't be a 100 per cent success, but I had nothing to lose and I knew I was in good hands.

Steve was restricted to laying on his back for a month after the operation — two weeks in hospital and two weeks at home.

"It was a kind of mini-torture watching the matches.

"I hate watching really but it was the closest I could get to actually playing.

"I used to have a seat near the gangway because it was uncomfortable if I stayed in one position for long, so I would spend ten minutes sitting down and ten minutes standing up.

"After about a month, I started swimming about a mile every day and a month later I was allowed to go cycling.

"By the middle of June, I was running and now I'm doing everything except take part in the five-a-side matches.

"I can't wait to get back into action and score a goal again — I don't care whether it's for the first team or the third team!"

Steve set Southampton alight in his first full season scoring 19 goals in 32 League appearances.

Last season he had scored nine up to the time injury ruled him out and even though he won the PFA's 'Young Player of the Year' award he admits.

"I wasn't too happy with my early form last season although I felt I was playing a lot better around Christmas time.

"I think maybe my success of the season before had gone to my head a bit, but I'm confident I can get back into my stride when I do get back this season. You have to believe in yourself."

One of the big disappointments for Steve is that his striking partner of last season — England skipper Kevin Keegan — has been transferred to Newcastle.

"At my age, you don't get many chances to play with a player of Kevin's calibre. I would love to have been able to play with him for longer because you can learn so much.



Steve Moran — hoping to be back in action in October following an eight month lay off



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TEL BRIDGETTE (0733) 260333

Match talks to the Everton reject who is determined to battle his way back to the big time.



New Portsmouth signing Dave Thomas in pre-season action against Liverpool's Phil Neal: "With players like him around, the playing staff is certainly above Third Division standard," says Alan Biley.

Alan Biley — "I still don't know why I was bombed out of the team at Everton."

UP POMPEY!

JUST twelve months ago dashing blond striker Alan Biley seemed to have the soccer world at his feet.

He scored in his first two games for Everton and everyone on Merseyside heralded him as a bargain buy at £300,000.

But, despite his glittering return to the First Division, the Rod Stewart look-alike was axed from manager Howard Kendall's plans within two months.

And now 25-year-old Alan finds himself back in the Third Division, which he thought he had left behind four years ago when he spearheaded Cambridge United to promotion.

But, far from being dejected, Alan aims to launch himself back towards the top flight with ambitious Portsmouth who have paid £125,000 for the fleet-footed goalscorer.

He says: "I know it's a big drop for me but Portsmouth have tremendous potential. If we can earn promotion this season I'll only be one step away from a return to the big time."

Alan, who ended last season on loan helping Stoke stay in the First Division, still finds it hard to believe the events which led to his sudden fall from grace

Biley aims high with Portsmouth

at Goodison.

"I still don't know why I was bombed out of the team at Everton," says Alan, who scored three goals in 16 full League appearances for the club.

"I don't want it to sound like sour grapes, but the manager persevered with some players, and not others.

"After such a tremendous start, things went from bad to worse and the loan period at Stoke came as a much-needed shot in the arm for me.

"I was on the transfer list at Everton and I could see no future there — particularly when they re-signed David Johnson from Liverpool.

"I had what I suppose you would term a fleeting glimpse of the First Division last season, but at least they can't take

away the great start I had at Everton. That will live with me for ever."

Alan still believes he is good enough for the First Division even though no top club made a move for him.

"There were rumours that Stoke, West Brom and Middlesbrough were interested, but in the end only Portsmouth came in with an offer," says the former Derby striker.

"I know I have dropped two divisions, but I don't regard it as a major step back in my career.

"I honestly believe that Portsmouth have the potential to go places, and I wouldn't have joined them if I didn't feel they were geared for promotion this season.

"With players around like Ernie Howe, Dave Thomas, Billy Rafferty, Bob Doyle and young Neil Webb, the playing staff is certainly above Third Division standard.

"I was very impressed with the set-up at Fratton Park and manager Bobby Campbell really sold the club to me.

"Portsmouth were once one of the country's top clubs and it would be nice to think that I could play a part in helping them recover their former greatness."

IAN REDFORD

THE GOAL OF MY LIFE

RANGERS 2 DUNDEE UNITED 1
Scottish League Cup Final, Hampden Park, Saturday, November 28, 1981.

THERE were 15 minutes on the clock and Rangers were a goal down when 'super-sub' Ian Redford made his Cup Final entrance.

Within seconds of him taking to the field Davie Cooper levelled the score direct from a free kick.

And then it was Ian's turn to become the hero of Hampden Park...

With just two minutes remaining he collected a headed clearance from Paul Hegarty and delicately chipped goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine from fully 20 yards.

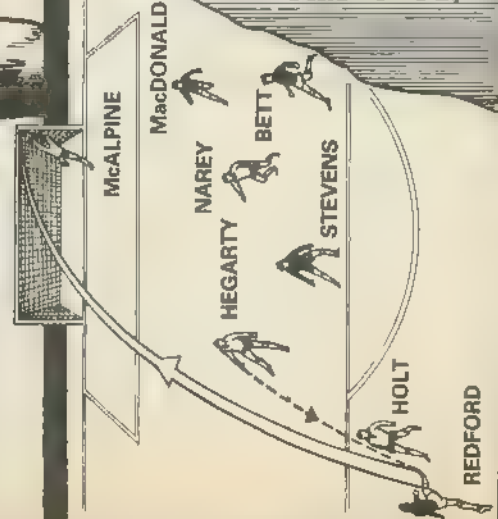
It was the kind of moment every player dreams about. Ian recalls: "I just couldn't believe it when I saw the ball drop into the net."

"When I controlled the clearance I saw that the 'keeper was off his line and when there's only two minutes left you try anything. Luckily for me it worked. It was a great feeling."

"I was the hero of the fans. It was a great feeling to have scored the goal that won the League Cup for Rangers."

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FOREST CAN'T REPLACE SHILTON

**THERE'S NO-ONE IN
HIS CLASS, SAYS
VIV ANDERSON**



NOTTINGHAM Forest will have to make do with second best following the shock departure of England goalkeeper Peter Shilton to Southampton.

That's the view of Peter's former Forest team-mate Viv Anderson, who says: "There's no-one who can replace a player of Peter's class."

"He's a world class 'keeper so obviously we'll be unbalanced without him. He has left a big hole to fill."

"I was surprised and very sorry to see him go. I had hoped that he'd stay for at least another season, but he had made his mind up. In the end, it was sound financial sense to sell him."

"Peter would have been a free agent at the end of the season so it was best that the club got some money for him."

It's argued that the England number one is worth ten points a season and Viv admits:

"Peter was worth a lot of points to us during a season. He'd do things on the spur of the moment and pull off unbelievable saves."

"The thing I've missed about him most has been his command of the penalty area. For the last couple of years, I've been used to hearing Peter behind me shouting orders and generally organising things."

"But, during the pre-season games, we've missed all that. Although young Steve Sutton has done very well, he's very inexperienced and hasn't got Peter's command of the box."

Viv Anderson: "Peter Shilton's departure has left a big hole to fill."



England 'keeper Peter Shilton — he shocked Nottingham Forest fans when he left the City Ground for Southampton in the close season

Peter, who joined Brian Clough at Forest for £270,000 in September 1977, moved to the South coast and Southampton in the close season for £350,000.

During his time at the City Ground, he enjoyed the most successful spell of his career picking up two European Cups, a League Championship and League Cup winners' medals.

The former Leicester and Stoke star was also elected the Professional Footballers Association 'Footballer of the Year' in 1977-78.

The last two seasons didn't produce any club honours for England's World Cup goalkeeper, however, and he had to be content in a Forest side that was constantly chopped and changed.

But Viv, who became the first black player to be capped at full international level, believes that the glory days could return to Forest this season even without Peter.

"We did very well in our pre-season games with Steve Sutton in goal. We won tournaments in West Germany and Spain, beating class opposition which included sides like Dukla Prague and Athletic Bilbao."

"It's too early to start talking about winning titles again, but the players started the season full of optimism and enthusiasm. Those run-up results gave us real heart."

"In the last two years, we've lost a few of our top players, but there are some young lads at the club now who could prove to be as good, if not better, than the established names."

"Striker Peter Davenport came into the side at the end of last season and scored a few goals. He looks a very hot prospect."

"Although Stuart Gray and Mark Proctor seem to have been around for some time, they're still very young and the best is yet to come from them."

"Obviously the Forest fans were disappointed when some of the top players decided to move on, but it's no good keeping players at a club if they're not happy."

Viv, a 25-year-old right back, made his England debut in 1978 against Czechoslovakia and has since picked up ten international caps.

But his England appearances have been limited because of the form of Ipswich Town skipper Mick Mills and Liverpool's Phil Neal.



England winger Tony Morley (above) takes on Villa fan Robert Derry (inset) of Neatherstone, Warwickshire, in this week's 'Star Challenge'

THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST ... Tony Morley

HERE'S your chance to challenge one of your favourite team's star players in a fun-packed feature specially adapted for the start of the new season.

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The name of the game is forecasting football results and that's something every football fan loves to do.

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EVERY reader lucky enough to tackle a star will receive a signed photograph — win or lose.

So, on with the second exciting challenge of the new season ...

This week, 15-year-old Robert

Derry takes on flying Villa winger Tony Morley.

You can see their predictions in the special panel and when the results come through on Saturday afternoon, you'll be able to find out who won.

There's a special column for you to fill in your forecasts too, so, just for fun, you can try and beat both Robert and Tony.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write in enclosing your name, age, address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and, most importantly, your home telephone number.

All the entries we receive will be kept in a special file and each week one lucky reader will be picked out.

If your name is picked out, someone from the 'Match Weekly' office will telephone you with the ten selected matches and ask for your predictions. So get your entries in NOW and don't forget to state your favourite team.

Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

FIXTURES

Saturday, Sept. 4
DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Liverpool
Birmingham v Stoke
Everton v Spurs
Ipswich v Coventry
Luton v Notts Co.
Man. City v Watford
Nott'm F v Brighton
Southampton v A.Villa
Sunderland v West Ham
Swansea v Norwich
West Brom v Man. U.

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Oldham
Blackburn v Cambridge
Bolton v Newcastle
Carlisle v Grimsby
Charlton v Sheff. W.
Chelsea v Leicester
Leeds v Wolves
Middlesbrough v Burnley
Q.P.R. v Derby
Rotherham v C. Palace
Shrewsbury v Fulham

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Doncaster
Exeter v Gillingham
Newport v Chesterfield
Orient v Bradford
Oxford v Bournemouth
Reading v Plymouth
Sheff. Utd v Preston
Southend v Lincoln
Walsall v Portsmouth
Wigan v Brentford
Wrexham v Huddersfield

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Swindon
Hereford v Colchester
Hull v Wimbledon
Northampton v York
Peterborough v Hartlepool
Port Vale v Bury
Rochdale v Chester
Scunthorpe v Aldershot
Torquay v Stockport
Tranmere v Bristol C.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Celtic v Dundee
Dundee U v Aberdeen
Hibernian v St. Mirren
Motherwell v Rangers

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie v Dumbarton
Ayr v Alloa
Clyde v Falkirk
Clydebank v Raith R.
Partick v Dunfermline
Queen's Pk v Hearts
St. Johnstone v Hamilton

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v Albion
E. Fife v E. Stirling
Meadowbank v Cowden
Montrose v Queen of S.

Stenhousemuir v Berwick
Stirling v Forfar
Stranraer v Brechin

Sunday, Sept. 5

DIVISION THREE

Millwall v Cardiff
Monday Sept. 6
DIVISION THREE
Southend v Chesterfield
DIVISION FOUR
Port Vale v Colchester
Tranmere v Mansfield

Tuesday, Sept. 7

DIVISION ONE

Brighton v Arsenal
Coventry v Sunderland
Liverpool v Nott'm F.
Notts Co. v Man. City
Watford v Swansea
West Ham v Ipswich

DIVISION TWO

Burnley v Carlisle
Cambridge v Barnsley
Crystal P v Shrewsbury
Fulham v Q.P.R.
Grimsby v Blackburn
Oldham v Rotherham
Sheff. Wed v Bolton
Wolves v Charlton

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Gillingham
Newport v Plymouth
Sheff. U. v Huddersfield
Walsall v Preston
Wigan v Bradford
Wrexham v Lincoln

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Bury
Crewe v Bristol C.
Halifax v Darlington
Hull v York
Northampton v Chester
Rochdale v Hartlepool
Scunthorpe v Stockport

Wednesday, Sept. 8

DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v Luton
Man. U. v Everton
Norwich v Birmingham
Stoke v West Brom
Spurs v Southampton

DIVISION TWO

Derby v Chelsea
Leicester v Leeds
Newcastle v Middlesbrough

DIVISION THREE

Exeter v Plymouth
Millwall v Bournemouth
Orient v Cardiff
Oxford v Doncaster
Reading v Brentford

DIVISION FOUR

Hereford v Swindon
Peterborough v Wimbledon
Torquay v Aldershot

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent. There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result. Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong

Match	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Arsenal v Liverpool	1-2	1-1		
Birmingham v Stoke	1-0	1-0		
Everton v Spurs	1-1	2-0		
Ipswich v Coventry	1-1	3-1		
Luton v Notts Co.	2-1	2-0		
Man. City v Watford	0-0	2-2		
Nott'm Forest v Brighton	0-1	1-1		
Sunderland v West Ham	0-2	0-1		
Swansea v Norwich	2-2	3-0		
West Brom v Man. Utd	3-0	2-2		

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THE DAVID CROSS COLUMN

The new Manchester City striker told Terry Comberford he's turning high at Maine Road despite criticism of the team's pre-season performances. David Cross gives his exclusive views throughout the new season.

IGNORE THESE PROPHETS OF DOOM

DESPISE the unwarranted messages of gloom in the newspapers about our pre-season performances on the Continent, the Manchester City players are more confident than ever about winning something this season.

Although we won only two of six pre-season matches in Norway, Greece and Germany, I felt the criticism in the Northern press was totally unjustified and completely misinformed. City fans:

If the team were to take a heavy defeat in the heart, then they would be left demoralised and fearing what lies in store this season.

But I can tell them that the players were more than satisfied with the displays.

The main objective of our tough conditioning in Europe was to boost match fitness against top class opposition with a view to getting off to a flying start in the League, where it matters most.

In view of the conditions and heat, the fact that our opponents were into their League programmes, we were completely pleased with our displays.

Obviously we would have loved to have won all the matches but if that was the aim, then we would have reported heart failure training far earlier than we did.

Looking at the results as if they had been the first legs of European cup ties, we would have been fancied in all of them to win the return matches at Maine Road and progress to the next round.

The attitude and spirit of the players and the players never once complained of the hectic schedule and the early start of training sessions.

The recent signings of Graham Buxton from Southampton and Chris Jones from Tottenham have added even more experience to the squad and the healthy competition for places can only boost our chances of appearing among the honours.

Graham looks comfortable and commanding on the ball in midfield and a £225,000 appears a very good investment.

I suppose that Chris could be termed our main rival as we adopt similar roles although he can also operate in midfield.

Having been in the wilderness in Tottenham after injury problems, it is a move for himself as well as the club.

But the two players who were most in demand in Germany were established players, Carrigan and Asa Hartford.

They were sharp and fit after World Cup duty in Spain. Asa was all over the place and Joe produced some brilliant saves in the clashes with Hertha of Berlin (2-2) and Borussia Dortmund (2-1).

CITY WILL WIN SOMETHING

The defence over Borussia was particularly satisfying because they are one of the leading sides in the Bundesliga and I also collected my first goal in City colours with a fine goalkeeping Kevin Reeves' driven cross.

The two matches in Greece were disappointing. The first was a fluke and the pitch on which we played bore a closer resemblance to a ploughed field.

Donnie Tuerk's unfortunate comeback after serious injury with an own goal in the 1-4 defeat by AEK of Athens was also very disappointing.

In both cases we were out of sync in our game in the second half during the tremendous heat.

But we learned a lot from these games and although in our last pre-season game we will be in the netting.

If we get off to a slow start then we will criticise the pre-season schedule, but I am certain the preparation was right and will be reflected in our early performances.

Ankle injury permitting, I hope to have made my home debut against Stoke in midweek followed by another Maine Road outing against another promoted side, Watford, in the weekend.

Watford will prove a tough test, but the toughest matches in the opening weeks because they will be keen to prove they are worthy of First Division status.

That pressure, short-cut appointments will surprise a lot of teams and I am certain they will do well this season.

Our visit to Motts County next week won't be that easy either because they showed last season that they are capable of living with the best, particularly at home after being unbeaten in 10 league games.

I have consequently been asked to return to Tottenham where, although I was not a regular first-team player, I was a useful backup.

I am sure I will be a useful player for City.



Asa Hartford... was outstanding in the German games.



Saturday, Aug. 21 Football League Trophy

ALDERSHOT (2) 3 (Bunton, Shrubbsanford)
READING (1) 3 (Dixon 3)
Att 1 788

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 3 (Morgan, Spackman, Dawtry)
OXFORD (0) 0
Att 2 561

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Chandler)
NEWPORT (2) 4 (Tynan, Bailev, Williams, Lowndes)
Att 2 226

CHESTER (2) 5 (Sloan, Thomas 2 (1 pen), McClaren, og Edwards)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
Att 1 022

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
MILLWALL (2) 3 (Neal 2, Chatterton)
Att 4 844

GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Moore, K. Waters pen)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
Att 1 500

HALIFAX (2) 3 (Davison 3)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Att 928

HULL (0) 0
BRADFORD (0) 0
Att 3 202

LINCOLN (1) 3 (Cockerill 2, Cunningham)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Edwards)
Att 2 800

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Dungworth)
NORWICH (1) 3 (Deehan, Mendham, Wallford)
Att 1 985

ORIENT (0) 0
COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Lyons 2)
Att 1 384

PETERBOROUGH (3) 5 (Benjamin 2, Cooke, Sack, Chard)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Denver, Syrett)
Att 2 192

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Pannylfather)
WATFORD (1) 4 (May, og, Armstrong, Lohman, Blissett pen)
Att 2 350

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Hutchinson)
CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Wilson pen)
Att 949

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Evans)
BRENTFORD (1) 3 (Johnson, Roberts, Mahoney)
Att 2 019

SCOTTISH League Cup Section One

ARBROATH (0) 0
CELTIC (0) 3 (McCluskey 56, Nicholas 74, Craigan 78)
Att 5 275

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (Morrison 18, 46)
ALLOA (0) 1 (Grant 84)
Att 1 200

Section Two

ABERDEEN (2) 3 (McGhee 4, Strachan 13, 70)
DUMBARTON (0) 0
Att 8 500

MORTON (1) 4 (Rooney 1, Cochrane 46, Ritchie 53, Docherty 70)
DUNDEE (0) 1 (Davidson 87)
Att 2 500

Section Three

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Ronald 53)
RANGERS (1) 4 (Prytz 14, MacDonal d 60, 69, McClelland 70)
Att 7 090

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Welsh 90)
AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Schadler og 41)
Att 3 500

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Section Four

DUNDEE UNITED (2) 5 (Narey 8, 76, Payne 11, Britton 52, Milne 64)
RAITH (1) 1 (Harris 44)
Att 5 039

FALKIRK (0) 1 (Wilson, pen 77)
ST JOHNSTONE (3) 6 (Brogan 90 secs, 21, 52, 72, 89, Morton 23)
Att 2 000

Section Five

CLYDE (1) 1 (McCutcheon 41)
HEARTS (1) 7 (Brogan, og 34, Pettigrew 49, 50, 57, 68, Bowman 72, Shields 86)
Att 2 000

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Forbes 81)
FORFAR (0) 1 (Clark 89)
Att 2 277

Section Six

AYR (0) 0
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 2 (McLeod 22, Alexander 78)
Att 968

STIRLING (0) 0
ST MIRREN (2) 3 (McAvennie 13, 74, Stark 19)
Att 1 500

Section Seven

EAST FIFE (0) 0
EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Gibson 11)
Att 312

PARTICK (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 0
Att 1 500

Section Eight

BERWICK (0) 0
HAMILTON (1) 1 (Fairlie pen 38)
Att 574

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
KILMARNOCK (0) 2 (McLean pen 34, McGivern 89)
Att 1 005

Section Nine

ALBION (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
Att 250

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Marshall 89)
Att 200

MONTROSE (1) 1 (Oliver 45)
STRANRAER (0) 0
Att 250

Wednesday, Aug. 25 European Cup Winners' Cup, Preliminary Round (Second Leg)

SPORTING BRAGA (Portugal) (0) 1 (Marutuk og 87)
SWANSEA (0) 0
Swansea win 3-1

European Cup Preliminary Round, (First Leg)

Dynamo Bucharest (Romania) 3
Valerengen (Norway) 1

SCOTTISH League Cup Section One

ARBROATH (0) 1 (Shaw 82)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
Att 561

CELTIC (1) 4 (Nicholas 13, MacLeod 66, Aiken 81, Burns 82)
ALLOA (1) 1 (Gray pen 44)
Att 6 100

Section Two

ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Rougrie 19, Bell 27, 48)
MORTON (0) 0
Att 11 000

DUMBARTON (0) 2 (Donnelly pen 46, pen 88)
DUNDEE (1) 3 (Ferguson pen 15, Sinclair 71, Stephen 86)
Att 400

Section Three

AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Miller 44)
RANGERS (1) 2 (Dunlop 23, Paterson 76)
Att 6 476

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Rodier 67)
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Given 34)
Att 3 000

Section Four

DUNDEE UNITED (2) 4 (Dodds 4, 17, Strurrock 73, Payne 79)
FALKIRK (0) 0
Att 4 391

RAITH (1) 3 (Ballantyne 38, Russell 72, Gibson 90)
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 3 (Brogan 28, Reid 88)
Att 2 000

Section Five

FORFAR (0) 0
HEARTS (2) 2 (MacDonald A 17, Macneil 18)
Att 2 000

MOTHERWELL (0) 3 (McClair 58, pen 82, 90)
CLYDE (0) 1 (Masterton 59)
Att 2 750

Section Six

STIRLING (0) 1 (McNeill 184)
AYR (0) 1 (Larnach 65)
Att 500

ST MIRREN (2) 6 (McDuggall 8, 69, McAvennie 22, 75, Stark 80, 88)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
Att 1 500

Section Seven

EAST FIFE (0) 0
PARTICK (0) 3 (Johnston 53, Park 61, Jardine 85)
Att 657

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Gibson 8)
BRECHIN (1) 1 (Stewart 35)
Att 200

Section Eight

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Bourke 57)
HAMILTON (0) 0
Att 1 600

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Verrechia 13, McNeven 68)
BERWICK (0) 1 (Armstrong 57)
Att 350

MATCH

Division Three

COWDENBEATH (2) 2 (Ferguson 3,
Burgess og 23)
ALBION (0) 1 (Houston 52)
Att. 250

MONTROSE (0) 0
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Jobson 87)
Alt 300

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
STRANRAER (1) 4 (Nov. 26 80. Taylor 63
89)
All 200

Saturday, Aug. 28
Division One

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Cowans 22)
SUNDERLAND (0) 3 (West 80, McCo st 64,
 P kerring 83)
 At 22 945
 Aston Villa Rimmer 6 Swa n 5, Wil iams 6.
 Evans 6 McLaughl i 5, ★**MORTIMER 7**,
 Bremner 6 Walters 6, Wilke 6 (sub Heard 5).
 Cowans 6, Morley 5
 Sunderland Turner 7 Venison 6 Munro 7
 Atkins 6 Chisholm 6, Elliott 7 Blac ky 6,
 West 7 McCo st 6, ★**PICKERING 8**,
 Cummins 7
 Referee: H W King (Marthy Tydf I)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Richie 32)
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Gales 25)
 Att 13,641
 Brighton D gweid 6, Shanks 6 Pearce 7
 Greenish 8 ***STEVENS** 9, Gating 7, Smith 8
 R. Lohie 7 (sub Ryan), Rob nson 6 McNab 6
 6 Smith 6
 Ipsw ch Cooper 6, Burley 6, Mills 8 Thissen
 6, Gsmar 7, Butcher 7, Wark 6, McCall 6
 Mariner 6, O'Callaghan 7 ***GATES** 8
 Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Whitton 68)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
 Alt 10,356
Coventry: Suckling 7, Thomas 6, Roberts 8,
 Jacobs 6, Dyson 7, G. Lespie 7, Singleton 6,
 Francis 7, Hately 9 ★**THOMPSON 8,**
 Whitton 7
Southampton ★**SHILTON 8,** Baker 6, Rolfe
 6, Agboat 5, N. Choi 6, Wright 6, Ball 5,
 Holmes 6, (sub Cassels 6), Fashanu 6,
 Armstrong 7, Puckett 7
Referee: N. Midgley (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Lee 5B, Neal, per 73)
WEST BROM (0) 0
 Att 35 652
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Kennedy 7,
 Thompson 7, Lawrenson 5 (sub Johnston 7),
 Whelan 7, Dring 5, Lee 8, Rush 7.
***HODGSON 9.** Souths 7
West Brom: *GREW 8, Batson 6, Cowdrell
 6, Zondervan 7, Bennett 7, Robertson 5, Jol 6.
 Brown 6, Essioe 7, Mackenzie 7, Whithhead 6
Referee: K Redfern (Northumber and)
Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 3 (Moran 46,
Stapleton 51, Coppel 74)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
Alt 48 673
Marl Ut Bailey 6, Duxbury 6, Aiston 6,
Wilks 6, Moran 7, McQueen 7 *ROBSON
6, Muhren 7, Stapleton 7, Whiteside 7,
Coppel 6
BIRMINGHAM *BLYTH 8, Langan 6, Hawker
6, Scott 5, Van den Hawwe 6, Broadhurst 6
Van Mier 6, Carodus 6, Hartford 6,
Curbishley 6, Franc 6
Referee: G Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★ ★★

NORWICH (0) 1 (Deehan 57)
MANCHESTER CITY (2) 2 (Cross 3, Power 45)
 All 22,638
Norwich: Woods 7 Haylock 6 Downs 7
***McGUIRE** 8 Wallrod 7 Watson 6, Barham 5
O'Neill 7 Deehan 7 Bertschin 6
 Memham 5 (sub Jack) 6
Man City: Corrigan 7 Ranson 7 McDonald 7
 Baker 8, Bond 7 Caton 6 Hareide 6 Reeves 7
 Cross 7 ***HARTFORD** 9, Power 8
 Referee: B. Danie's (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (O) 0
SWANSEA (O) 0
 Att 8,051
 Notts County Avramovic 6. ★BENJAMIN
 8. Worthington 6. Hunt 6. Le me 6. Richards
 6. McFarland 6 (s.u. Lahtinen 6). Harkou 7
 Christ e 6. Chedozo 6. Ma r 6
 Swansea: ★DAVIES 8, Marusik 6
 Hadziac 6. rwin 6 Mahoney 6. Stanley 6
 James L 7. James, R 6, Charles 6 Stevenson
 6. Jatchford 6
 Referee: 8 HCl (Welbrough)
 Match Rating ★★

STOKES (1) 2 (Berry 5 O Calaghan 52)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Sunder 60)
 Art 15 504
Stoke: Fox 7 Park n 7 Hampton 6, Berry 7,
 McLaughlin 7, Bracewell 5, McIlroy 7,
 Griffiths 5, Chamberlain 7, ★**THOMAS** 8,
 O Calaghan 8
Arsenal: ★**WOODS** 8, Hollins 6, Sansom 8,
 Talbot 5, O'Leary 5, Whyte 6, Robson 6,
 Sunderland 6, Woodcock 7, Chapman 5, Rix 6
 (sub. Dav 5)
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★ ★★

TOTTENHAM (2) 2 (Mabbull 3, Hazard 19)
LUTON (1) 2 (Lacy og 38, Stein 53)
 All 39 180
Spurs: Clemence 7 Hughton 7 Miller 6, Lacy
 7, Hazard 7 Peryman 6, Mabbull 8
 Arch bald 6 (sub Brooke), Galv n 6
***HOODLE 8, Crooks 7**
 Luton: Findlay 7 Stephens 7 Money 6,
 Horton 8, Goodey 7 Donaghy 7 Hill 7
***STEIN 8, Walsh 6 Antic 7 Moss 7**
 Referee: T. Bune (Berkshire)
Match Rating ★★★★★

WATFORD (1) 2 (Armstrong 21, Rice 65)
EVERTON (0) 0
 Airt 18 830
Watford Sherwood 7, Rice 5, Rostron 7,
 Bissett 7, Bolton 6, Jackett 7, Callaghan 7
 (Sub Taylor 6), ★**ARMSTRONG** 8, Jenkins
 7, Lohman 7, Barnes 7
Everton Southal: 5, Barrows 6, Bailey 5,
 Higgins 5, Wright 6, Heath 5 ★**MAHON**
 8 (sub Richardson 6), Johnson 6, Sharp 5,
 King 6, Sheedy 6
Referee K T Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★ ★

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Stewart pen 37)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 2 (Walsht 11)
 Robertson pen 79)
 All 23 796
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 6,
 Bonds 8, Martin 6, Devonshire 7, Van Der Elst
 5. ★**GODDARD** 8, Clark 5, Allen 7, Pike 5
Not't'm Forest: Sutton 8, Anderson 7,
 Bowyer 7, Proctor 7 (sub: Gunn), Young 7
 Todd 8, Hodge 7, Walsht 7, Plummer 8
 ★**WALSH** 9, Robertson 7
Referee: A. Gurni (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BURNLEY (0) 0
BOLTON (0) 0
Att 10 527
Burnley: Stevenson 6, ★**LAWS** 8, Ray 7, Scott
6, Phelan 7, Holt 6, Dobson 6, Steven 7
Hamilton 7, McGee 5, Young 5
Bolton: McDougall 6, Whitworth 7, Bennett
6, McGovern 6, ★**JONES** 6, Day 6, 7,
Chandler 6, Henry 7, Moores 6, Reid 7 (sub
Berry), Hoggan 6
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★ ★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Robson 87)
All 8,124
Cambridge Webster 8, Donaldson 6, Murray
6, Smith 6 Falon 6 Reilly 6 Cartwright 6.
Spriggs 6 (sub: O'Neil 8), Mayo 6, Streete 5
Nichols 7
Chelsea, Francis 7, Nutton 6, Hutchings 6
Chivers 7, ★**DROY** 8, Pates 6, Walker 6 (sub
Cancville), Burnstead 6 Lee 7 Robson 7
Fildes 5
Referee: H Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE {1} 1 (Hire 41)
BARNSELY {1} 1 (Aire 9)
 All 7 549
Crystal Palace Barn 6, H nshelwood 7,
 W llams 6 Hughton 7, Cannon 7, Gt bert 7
 G les 7 Murphy 6 (sub Love 16) Langley 6
 Mabbitt 7 **●HILAIRE**
Barnsley Horn 7, Joyce 6 Chambers 6,
 Renson 6 Barks 7, McCarthy 6, Soter 6,
●AIRE 8, Walker 7 (sub Parker 8) Mann 6
 Campbell 6
Referee: J J Barrett (Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (D) 0
CARLISLE (2) 3 (Shou der 19, 84, Poskelt 42)
 Att 11 206
Derby Banovic 5, Barton 6, Attley 6, Powell 5, Foster 6, McAle 5, ★**BROLLY 7**, Skivngton 6 (sub: Emster 5), W Ison 6, Swindlehurst 6, Red 5
Carlisle Swinburne 7, Haigh 7, Rushbury 7, Ashurst 7, Houghton 8, ★**CRAIG 9**, Stanforth 7, Coughlin 6, Poskelt 7, Hornsby 6, Shou der 8
Referee M Dimb abee (Stevenage)
Match Rating ★★

FULHAM (1) 1 (Davies 13)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (McBride 19)
 All 7 0 21
Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6 Strong 6
 O'Driscoll 6 Brown 7, Gale 7 Davies 8
 Wilson 6, Caney 7 ★**HOUGHTON** 9,
 Lewington 7
Rotherham: Mimms 6, Forrest 6, Breckin 6
 Hughes 6, Stancliffe 7, Green 7 Towner 6
 ★**GOW** 8, Fern 8, Seaman 5 McBride 6
 Referee D Lelli (Basingstoke)
Match Rating ★★ ★

GRIMSBY (O) 1 (K Imore 54)
LEEDS (O) 1 (Connor 48)
Alt 18:137
Grimsby Batch 7 Moore, D6 Crombie 7
Walters 7, Cooper 7 Moore, K 7 Ford 8.
*KILMORE 9 Drinkel 7 Bowman 6
Whymark 7
Leeds Lukic 7 Hird 8 Gray, E 7, O c k nson 6,
Hart 6 Thomas 7 Connor 8, Butlerworth 7
Worthington 7, Gray, F 8 *GRAHAM 9
Referee J Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Smith, B 78)
CHARLTON (1) 2 (Walker 27 Mehmet 50)
At: 11.038
Leicester: Walington 8, Ramsey 6, Frar 6
MacDonald 6. *MAY 8, C'Ne 11 6, Lynx 8
Lynx 6 Smith 6, Melrose 8 Smith, B 7
Charlton: Johns 7 McAllister 7, Ferns 7
Mehmet 7 *ELLIOTT 8, Phillips 7 Herr 6 8
Bulivant 6, White 7, Haes 7, Walker 8
Referee: C. Osakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Keegan 80)
QPR (0) 0
 Alt 38 186
 Newcastle, Hardwick 7, Craggs 7 Saunders
 7 Treweek 6 (sub Wharston 7) **McCLARKE 6**,
 Haddock 7, Keegan 8 Martin 7 Verard 8
 Cartwright 6 Wadd 6
QPR, Hucker 8, Neill 6, Dawes 7 Waddock 8
HAZEL F 9, Fenwick 7 Micklewhite 6 (sub
 Burke 6), Stewart 7 Sealy 7, Stainrod 7
 Gregory 7
Referee: T. M. Is (Barnsley)
Match Rating ★★

OLDHAM {1} 1 (MacLaren, og 15)
SHREWSBURY {0} 0
 Att: 3 731
Oldham: Dodge 6 S nc air 6, ★RYAN 7,
 Keegan 6, Clements 6, Fletcher 5, Heaton 5
 (sub: Steele 6), Atkinson 5, Humphries 6
 Wyld 5, Palmer 5
Shrewsbury: ★GRIZOVIC 7, Williams 6,
 Johnson 6, Turner 6 (sub: Sankey 5), Pearson
 5, Griffin 5, Pettit 6, MacLaren 5, Brown 6,
 Cross 5, Bates 5
Referee: A. Chalinger (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 3 (Bannister 64, Pearson 69, 71)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Shearer 73)
 All 18.11
Sheff Weds: Border 7, Ster end 6, Bay ey 8
 Smith 7, Lyons 8, Shilton 6, Tay or 6
 Magnus 6, Pearson 7, Barn ster 7, Mirocevic 6 (sub Simmons)
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Ross 6, Bolton 7
 Otto 6. ★**BAXTER 8**, Wood 6, Cochrane 8.
 Curr e 7 (sub MacDona d 6), Shearer 8,
 Kennedy 7, Bel 8
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating ★★ ★

WOLVES (0) 2 (Eves 48, 80)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Garner 21)
 All 15 605
Wolves Burridge 6, Humphrey 7 W inters 1
 7 Palmer 7 Pender 8, Cuy 7 Den el 7, Clarke
 7 Liv ngstone 7 (sub But eri, ★**EVES 9**,
 Matthews 7
Blackburn: Gennie 7 Branagan 7 Rathbone
 7, Randall 8 Barton 7 Fazackerley 7, Miler 7,
 Stonehouse 8, Bell 7 Garner 7
 ★**BROTHERSTON 9**
Referee: E Read (Br stool)
Match Rating ★★

BOURNEMOUTH (D) 3 (Funnell 61 63,
Spackman 74)
WALSALL (O) 0
Att 5,330
Bournemouth: Allen 7, Heffernan 7, Sutley 6,
Spackman 7 (sub O'Donnell), Bragan 6,
Impey 7, ★CARTER 8, Williams 6, Morgan 6,
Funnell 7, Dawtry 7
Walsall: Green 6, Arthur 6, Mower 6, Beech
7, Marshall 6, Hart 7, Rees 6, O'Kel y 7 (sub
Round 6), Kearns 6, Buckley 6, ★PREECE 8
Referee: E. A. Crickmore (Plymouth)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRADFORD {2} 3 (Campbell 36 Mellor 39, Gs lagher 69)
READING {2} 2 (Beaver 20 Dixon 43)
 Alt 5,001
Bradford McManus 6, McCall 7, Chapman 7, Watson 6, Cooke 7, Jackson 6, Grey 7,
 ★**GALLAGHER** 8, Campbell 16 McNiven 6,
 Mellor 6
Reading Fearon 8, Williams 6, White 6,
 ★**BEAVON** 8, Hicks 7 Wood 7 Earles 7
 Kearney 7, Dixon 6, Bason 7, Donne lan 6
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★ ★★

BRENTFORD (2) 5 (Mahoney 11, Joseph 44, 37 Roberts 46 53)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Randa 152)
 Att 5,542
Brentford Roche 7, Tucker 7, Wilkins 8
McVichol 7 Whitehead 7, Hurlock 8 Kamara 8
***JOSEPH** 8, Mahoney 7 Bow 57, Roberts 8
Bristol Rovers K 6, Stephens 8, Slatier 6, Williams 6 Hughes 5 (sub. Withey 5).
McCarthy 6, Curle 6, **WILLIAMS, D** 7
Randall 6, Kelly 6 Barrett 5
Referee: J. E. Mart n (Hampshire)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Bennell, D 37)
WREXHAM (1) 2 (Arkwright 18, McNeil 73) Att: 5,018
Cardiff Humphreys 5, Jones 5, Bod n 5.
Dwyer (sub. Bennett G) Pontin 6.
★MULLEN 8, Bennell D 6, Tong 4, Gibbins
5 Hemmerson 5 Maddy 5
Wrexham N edzw ecki 8. ★JONES 9, Bate
6, Arkwright 7 Downman 6, Hils Hunt 8,
Gregory 6 Fox 7, McNeil 18 Buxton 8
Referee: L. Shapler (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (D) 1 (Wilson 51)
ORIENT (D) 2 (Taylor 52, Godfrey 53)
 Att 2, 587
 Chesterfield Turner 8, Bellamy 6, Partridge
 6, Wilson 7, Green 6, Henson 5, Windridge 8,
 Henderson 7 ★**DAWSON** 8, Robinson 8,
 Carroll 6
 Orient Day 8, Fisher 6, Peach 8, Foster 7,
 Gray 5, Roffey 8, ★**GODFREY** 8, Donn 6.
 Houchen 7, Silkman 6, Taylor 8
 Referee: Y. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★

DONCASTER (O) 0
NEWPORT (O) 0
 At: 3 471
 Doncaster: Peacock 7 Russell 7 Mell 5.
 Snodin 7 ★**CAWTHORNE** 8, Humphries 8,
 Pugh 5. Liddle 8 Douglas 7, Graham 7, Lister 7
Newport Kendall 7 Jones 7 Vaughan 7,
 Bailey 6 Relish 8, Stroud 8, Lowndes 7,
 Gwyther 5, ★**TYNAR** 8, Eisey 7, Moore 6
 Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewel)
 Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (D) 0
OXFORD (0) 1 (Barnett 80)
 Att 4,079
Gillingham: Hylard 7, Sharpe 6, Stton 6,
 Bruce 7 ***WEATHERLEY 8**, Shaw 7, Power
 7 Tydeman 6 (sub Lee), Grewcock 6,
 Cascaro 7 Price 8
Oxford: Burton 7 Fogg 7 Linney 7, Brock 6
 Briggs 7, Shotton 7, Barnett 7, Biggins 6,
 Vinter 6 ***HEBBERT 6**, Train 6 (sub
 Thomas)
Referee: D. Axcill (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Cox M 10)
EXETER (0) 1 (Pular 85)
 Att 5 168
 Huddersfield Cox, B 5, Brown 6 Valentine 7,
 Stanton 5 Sutton 6, Hanvey 8, Lills 7,
 ★COX, M 8 (sub. Hote), Greenwood 6,
 Wilson 6, Cowling 5
 Exeter Bond 6, Kirkup 6, Viney 6, McEwan 6,
 Roberts 1 6, Rogers, M 7, Har 6 6, Rogers, P
 7, Kellow 6, Dalve 6. ★PULLAR 8
 Referee: R Guy (Krbky)
 Match Rating. ★★★

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LINCOLN (2) 2 (Shipley 32, pen 45)
WIGAN (1) 1 (Bradd 18)
 Att 3,196
 Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 7, Heath 6, Cockerill 7, Peake 6, Stodder 8, Shipley 7, *TURNER 9, Hobson 8 (sub Bell 8), Cunningham 8, H-bberd 7
 Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Glenn 7, O'Keefe 6, *CRIBLEY 8, Mathven 7, Lodge 7, Barrow 6, Bradd 7, Houghton 5, Rogers 6 (sub Butler)
 Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
 Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Harrison, pen 74)
SOUTHEND (0) 0
 Att 3,850
 Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 7, Harrison 5, Phillipson, Masters 6, Cooper 5, *HODGES 8, Phillips 5, Sims 5, Gooding 5, Rogers 7
 Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 6, Pountney 6, Clark 5, Moody 6, *CUSACK 8, Otulakowski 6, Phillips 6, Mercer 5 (sub Greaves 5), Pennyfather 5, Nelson 6
 Referee: A. Gasson (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (1) 4 (Biley 21, Howe 46, Webb 59, Tart 83)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Edwards 19)
 Att 13,361
 Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 6, Howe 7, Aislewood 6, *WEBB 8, Tart 7, Rafferty 6 (sub Ellis 6), Biley 7, Rogers 7
 Sheffield Utd: Conroy 5, Henderson 6, Garner 6, McHale 7, MacPhail 6, Kenworthy 6, Morris 6, Arnott 6, Edwards 7, *KING 8, Curran 7 (sub Charles)
 Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Garner (Sheffield United)

PRESTON (2) 3 (Elliot, pen 7, 31, 80)
MILLWALL (0) 2 (Chatterton 54, Neal 83)
 Att 4,483
 Preston: Litchfield 7, Walsh 7, McAteer 8, O'Riordan 8, Westwell 7, Coleman 6, Kelly 6 (sub Houston), Bell 6, *ELLIOTT 9, Naughton 8, Bruce 7
 Millwall: Gleasure 6, Stevens 6, Robinson 7, Chatterton 7, Allardice 6, Madden 6, Massey 6 (sub Horrix 6), Carr 6, Aylott 7, *NEAL 8, West 7
 Referee: A. Ham I (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Goddard 25)
TRANMERE (0) 0
 Att 1,653
 Aldershot: Johnson 6, Andruszewski 6, Gilard 7, Biley 6, Wood 7, Jopling 5, Shrubbs 7, Banton 5, Goddard 8, *MCDONALD 9, Brodie 7
 Tranmere: *ENDERSBY 8, Mungall 5, Burgess 5, Parry 6, Hamilton 7, Williams 6, Powell 5, Hutchinson 6, Kerr 6, McKenna 5 (sub Mooney), Griffiths 7
 Referee: D. Brazier (Northampton)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (1) 2 (Riley 38, Musker 76)
HULL (0) 1 (Flounders 86)
 Att 4,877
 Bristol City: Shaw 8, Stevens 6, Williams 6, Newman 6, Boyle 7, *RILEY 9, Economou 6, Musker 7, Cooper 7, Ritchie 6, Crawford 6
 Hull: *NORMAN 8, Swann 7, Thompson 6, Richards 6, Skipper 6, Booth 6, Marwood 6, Askew 7 (sub Flounders 7), Whitehurst 7, Mutrie 7, Roberts 7
 Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)
 Match Rating: ★★

BURY (1) 3 (Hilton 6, Parker 70, Bramhall 88)
HEREFORD (1) 2 (Price 36, Crabbe 84)
 Att 2,138
 Bury: Platt 6, Gardner 6, *HILTON 7, Bramhall 6, Kenworthy 6, Potts 5, Gore 6, Jakub 6, Parker 6, Madden 5, Firth 5
 Hereford: Jackson 6, Price 6, Musial 6, Peirc 6, Spiring 6, Bartley 5, Harvey 5, Crabbe 6, Showers 5, Phillips 5, *WHITE 7
 Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 1 (Edwards 30)
CREWE (0) 0
 Att 3,180
 Chester: Millington 6, Bradley 5, Edwards 7, Zetlem 6, Lane 5, Dean 5, Sloan 6, Johnson 7, Simpson 7, Cooke 6, *THOMAS 8
 Crewe: Smith 8, Moore 5, Bowers 7, Salathel 6, Scott 6, Purdie 5, Haslegrave 6, Sutton 5, Brown 5 (sub Goodwin), Craven 7, Crawford 7
 Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
 Match Rating: ★★



Colin Walsh set Nottingham Forest on the way to a 2-1 opening day win at West Ham with the first goal after eleven minutes.

DARLINGTON (2) 3 (Walsh 17, 30, Dunn 80)
ROCHDALE (0) 0
 Att 1,672
 Darlington: Cuff 7, Brissett 6, Smith 6, Kamara 7, Wilson 6, Gilbert 6, Wicks 6, McLean 5, Dunn 7, *WALSH 8, McFadden 7
 Rochdale: Pearce 6, Warriner 5, Trainer 6, Weir 5, Snookes 6, Blair 7, Thompson 5 (sub Martinez 6), French 6, Hamilton 7, *WELLINGS 8, Farrell 6
 Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
 Match Rating: ★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
 Att 1,009
 Hartlepool: Watson 6, Brown 7, Stimpson 7, Hogan 6, Bird 5, Lingham 6, Bainbridge 5, Lawrence 7, *SMITH 8, Staff 6 (sub Dobson 7), Johnson 5
 Scunthorpe: *NEENAN 8, Keeley 6, Pointon 5, Fowler 5, Boxhall 6, Hunter 7, Cammack 6, Parkinson 5 (sub O'Berg 5)

Cowling 6, Telfer 7, Leman 5
 Referee: A. Banks (Radcliffe)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (2) 2 (Dungworth, pen 20, Waddle 26)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Hockaday 62)
 Att 2,627
 Mansfield: *ARNOLD 8, Bell 5, Kennedy 6, Day 7, Ayre 6, Bird 6, Matthews 5, Caldwell 5 (sub Woodhead 5), Waddle 6, Dungworth 6, Laidlaw 5
 Blackpool: Hesford 5, Simmonne 6, Brockbank 5, Deary 5, Hetzke 6, Greenall 6, Noble 6 (sub Stewart 5), Hockaday 6, *BAMBER 8, Pashley 5, Downes 6
 Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
 Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Park 5)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Ben-amin 74)
 Att 2,003
 Stockport: *LLOYD 8, Thorpe 7, Sherlock 6, Emerson 7, Bowles 6, Smith 7, Williams 7, Phillips 7, Quinn 6, Park 7, Coyle 6 (sub

MATCH WINNERS

THE six lucky winners of the 'Spot the Difference' competition which appeared in the August 14 issue each receive a fabulous leather football

They are: Jason Bowers, of March, Cambs.; Duncan Ball, of Newport, Gwent; Darren Hannan, of Bradford, Mark Sinden, of Chislehurst, Kent; Philip Senior, of Pinner, Middlesex; and Thomas Spurlie, of Bognor Regis, Sussex

MATCH FACTS MATCH

Rutter 71
Peterborough Seaman 7, Winters 6, Collins 7, Gynn 7, Firm 7, Rodaway 6, Slack 6
***BENJAMIN 9**, Cooke 8, Linton 7, Chard 8
 Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★
 Sendings Off: Firm, Slack (both Peterborough)

SWINDON (0) 1 (R. about 64)
PORT VALE (0) 0
 Att. 3,062
 Swindon: Alan 6, Henry 6, Baddeley 6, Emmanuel 7, Lewis 7, Graham 6, Prichard 6, Hughes 7, Rideout 7, Rowland 7
***BARNARD 8**
 Port Vale: Siddall 6, Tertt 6, Bromage 6, Hunter 6, ***SPROSON 8**, Cegielski 7, Sheldon 6, Moss 6, Greenhoff 6, Ridley 7, Earle 6
 Referee: E. Scales (Ware)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Ketter dge 44)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Syrett 71)
 Att. 1,703
 Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 7, Thomas 5, Galliers 7, Tagg 6, Morris 6, Evans 6, Ketteridge 7, Leslie 5, Downes 5, ***DIBBLE 8**
 Northampton: Freeman 7, Brady 6, Phillips 7, Gage 7, Burrows 6 (sub Saxby), ***HEELEY 8**, Colfill 6, Denyer 6, Saunders 5, Syrett 6, Perrin 6
 Referee: A. Robinson (Hampshire)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Freeman (Northampton)

YORK (1) 1 (Hood, R, pen 21)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Bishop 70)
 Att. 1,737
 York: ***JONES 9**, Evans 6, Hay 6, Sbragia 6, Hood 6, Laverick 6, Pollard 6, Ford 6, Busby 6 (sub Senior), Byrne 6, Crosby 6
 Torquay: Horn 7, Doyle 6, Jones 6, ***WILSON 8**, Wigginton 6, Sheridan 6 (sub Smith), Grapes 6, Bishop 6, Cooper 6, Riach 6, Gallagher 6
 Referee: T. A. Jones (Macclesfield)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★

SCOTTISH League Cup Section One

ALLOA (0) 0
ARBROATH (1) 1 (Steele 91)
 Att. 533
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Morrison 57)
CELTIC (4) 7 (McCluskey 19, Burns 23, Del' 8, og 41, Nicholas 43, 51, 53, pen 78)
 Att. 7,000

Section Two

DUNDEE (0) 1 (Stephen 67)
ABERDEEN (2) 6 (Strachan 22, 51, 53, pen 62, McGhee 27)
 Att. 6,977
MORTON (2) 4 (Rooney 5, 68, Docherty 24, McNab 87)
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Stevenson 58)
 Att. 1,260

Section Three

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Williamson 58)
AIRDRIE (1) 2 (Miller 5, 89)
 Att. 749
RANGERS (0) 0
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
 Att. 17,600

Section Four

FALKIRK (1) 2 (Herd 25, 50)
RAITH (0) 0
 Att. 1,500
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 3 (Dodds 42, Bennon 69, Kirkwood 74)
 Att. 4,092

Section Five

CLYDE (0) 0
FORFAR (1) 1 (Clark 43)
 Att. 500
HEARTS (0) 1 (MacDonald, A 81)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0
 Att. 8,022

Section Six

AYR (0) 2 (Thomson, og 54, Larnach 68)
ST MIRREN (1) 1 (McDougal 34)
 Att. 1,806

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
STIRLING (0) 2 (Colquhoun 82, pen 89)
 Att. 200

Section Seven

BRECHIN (0) 4 (McWalter 69, Graham 74, 78, Paterson 84)
EAST FIFE (0) 0
 Att. 400

PARTICK (3) 4 (Watson 21, pen 44, Johnston 41, 81)
EAST STIRLING (1) 2 (Watt 6, Gray 89)
 Att. 2,000

Section Eight

BERWICK (1) 2 (Armstrong 45, Tait 88)
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (McLean, pen 77)
 Att. 872

HAMILTON (0) 1 (Fairlie, pen 78)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 2 (Gilmour 83, 89)
 Att. 750

Section Nine

ALBION (0) 1 (Evans 54)
MONTROSE (1) 2 (Turnbull 34, Copeland 71)
 Att. 150

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Mcintosh 63)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Renne 72)
 Att. 300

STRANRAER (0) 0
MEADOWBANK (2) 2 (Jobson 17, Sproll 44)
 Att. 250

DRAW for the Quarter Finals: Celtic v Partick or Brechin, Aberdeen v Dundee United, St Mirren v Hearts, Rangers v winners of play-off between sections eight and nine

GROUP ONE				
Celtic	5	5	0	0 25 2 10
Arbroath	5	2	1	2 3 5 5
Dunfermline	5	1	1	3 3 15 3
Alloa	5	1	0	4 4 13 2

GROUP TWO				
Aberdeen	5	3	2	0 15 5 8
Morton	5	3	1	1 12 2 7
Dundee	5	2	1	2 11 16 3
Dumfries	5	0	0	5 6 15 0

GROUP THREE				
Rangers	5	3	2	0 10 4 8
Hibernian	5	1	4	0 5 3 6
Airdrie	5	1	1	3 6 10 3
Clydebank	5	1	1	3 6 10 3

GROUP FOUR				
Dundee U	5	5	0	0 19 1 10
St Johnstone	5	2	1	2 14 10 5
Partick	5	1	1	3 3 14 3
Raith	5	0	2	3 4 15 2

GROUP FIVE				
Hearts	5	4	0	1 13 4 8
Motherwell	5	2	2	1 9 7 6
Forfar	5	2	1	2 5 5 5
Flyde	5	0	1	4 5 16 1

GROUP SIX				
St Mirren	5	4	0	1 14 3 8
Stir Alb	5	2	2	1 4 3 6
Ayr	5	1	2	2 4 7 4
Q of Sh	5	1	0	4 2 19 2

GROUP SEVEN				
P Thistle	5	3	2	0 11 2 8
Brechin	5	2	3	0 9 1 7
Stirling	5	1	1	3 4 13 3
E Fife	5	0	2	3 0 8 2

GROUP EIGHT				
Kilmarnock	5	3	1	1 8 2 7
Qns Fk	5	2	1	2 5 6 5
Hamilton	5	1	2	2 3 4 4
Berwick	5	2	0	3 4 8 4

GROUP NINE				
Cowdenbth	5	3	1	1 7 4 7
Midwbank	5	3	1	1 7 4 7
Monrose	5	3	1	1 6 4 7
Stenhousem	5	0	4	1 4 8 4
Stranraer	5	1	1	3 7 8 3
Alb Roy	5	0	2	3 6 9 2

Saturday, Aug. 14

SCOTTISH League Cup Section Two

DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Rankin 12)
MORTON (0) 3 (Ritchie 71, Hutchison 72, McNeil 89)
 Att. 850
 (Corrected from last week's issue)



Northern Ireland star Gerry Armstrong scored Watford's first-ever Division One goal in the 2-0 home defeat of Everton.

Cut out and keep

Willie Miller — "It would have been the worst thing I could have done if I'd signed for Sunderland when I had the chance."

'I WON'T BE TEMPTED'

MILLER TURNS DOWN A MOVE

ABERDEEN defender Willie Miller told this week why he turned down a chance in the English First Division.

The centre-half, one of Scotland's big successes in the World Cup Finals in Spain, has signed a new two-year contract at Pittodrie.

He admits: "It would have taken a very good offer to tempt me away from Aberdeen. I'm happy here and believe the club can go places.

"Anyone who is ambitious would like to play in England, but there are only half a dozen clubs I'd consider joining. It would take a club like Liverpool or Manchester United to tempt me.

"I wasn't approached by any of the top clubs so I decided to stay with Aberdeen."

Willie declined to reveal the name of the club that offered him the chance to play in England, but he said: "It was a middle of the table side and I didn't really fancy the move."

Glasgow giants Rangers also came in with a bid during the summer, and although the big Scot thought long and hard about the offer, he turned manager John Greig down.

"Rangers are a big glamorous club and their offer was very good," says Willie. "But I felt I'd be letting a lot of people down if I moved to Glasgow."

"One of Aberdeen's ambitions over the last few years has been to break the stranglehold Celtic and Rangers have had on Scottish football."

"We've worked long and hard at that and I believe we've achieved our aim."

"Now we're better than at least one of the Glasgow teams," says Willie, who led Aberdeen to victory in the Scottish FA Cup last season.

"Staying in Scotland certainly hasn't hampered my international career."

"There was a time when you stood a better chance of being picked for your country if you played for a Southern team, but that's all changed now."

"In fact, the opposite is true. I

believe players north of the border have the edge. There seems to be a trend to pick home-based players."

"Scotland have a good nucleus of players from Aberdeen, Celtic and Dundee United now."

Willie believes that his international career could have been threatened if he'd accepted an offer from Sunderland two years ago.

"Since then, Sunderland have struggled in the First Division while 'The Dons' have gone from strength to strength," he says.

"It would have been the worst thing I could have done if I'd signed for them because you must stand more chance of international honours if you play for a successful team."

Willie, who made his international debut in Bucharest in June 1975 against Rumania, has picked up 19 full Scottish caps.

Unlucky

Success in Europe and the Scottish Premier Division title are now the aims of the 27-year-old Glasgow-born star.

He says: "We'd love to do well in the European Cup Winners Cup this season."

"We were unlucky to go out last season against Hamburg in the UEFA Cup. It was a couple of defensive errors in the home leg that let us down."

"The highpoint of the European campaign last term was when we beat Ipswich in the First Round. After being hammered by Liverpool a few years ago, we were desperate for revenge."

As for the Scottish League campaign, Willie says: "I believe we can put in a very strong challenge to Celtic's supremacy in the Premier Division."

"They'll be very difficult to beat, however, because they've got a lot of good players and tremendous talent up front."

"Their injury problems have also cleared up and they'll be at full strength when the new season starts."



TWIST OF FATE



Steve Wicks — suffered two cruel twists of fate.

UNLUCKY STEVE BRAVES ANOTHER INJURY BLOW

UNLUCKY defender Steve Wicks, on the casualty list at the start of the season for the second successive year, vows: "The injury blow has made me even more hungry to play."

And that's heartening news for Queen's Park Rangers who see the £275,000 centre-half as a key figure in their bid for promotion to the First Division this season.

The former Derby and Chelsea player, who returned to Loftus Road just before last season's transfer deadline after a brief spell with Crystal Palace, cracked a bone in his right ankle in a training clash with Tony Sealy.

Ironically, it was on the eve of his scheduled debut for Palace last August that he damaged his back in training.

But, despite two cruel twists of fate, the big defender refuses to get downhearted.

"Prior to the injury last summer, I had gone through four seasons and hardly missed a game," says Steve, who managed only four League appearances for Palace before Christmas.

"You are lucky if you go through your career without any serious injuries, so you have to take the rough with the smooth.

"There's no point in getting despondent. As far as I am concerned the injuries make me even more hungry to play.

"There is no ligament damage in the ankle, so I hope to be back in action before the end of the month."

But Steve feared the injury was a lot more serious immediately after the incident.

"It was a simple challenge on Tony Sealy, but my studs caught and there was a terrific crack," recalls Steve.

"At the time I thought I had broken my leg, but as I was going to hospital the injury felt a bit easier and I wasn't too worried.

"I thought it might be ligament damage, but a crack was spotted on an X-ray and the ankle was put in plaster."

It was a frustrating experience for Steve who was looking forward to a successful start to the season playing alongside talented skipper Glenn Roeder.

"I had to sit through two FA Cup Finals last season because I was cup-tied and that made me determined that I wasn't going to miss out on that again.

"It seemed strange urging Rangers on at Wembley when in the Quarter-Finals I had tried my best to knock them out when playing for Crystal Palace!

"It's ironical that after working so hard throughout the summer to make certain I was in trim for the kick-off, I am put out of action again in a training accident."

But Steve is confident that Rangers will be returning to the First Division next year.

"If we don't get promotion this season then every player at the club should take a long, hard look at himself.

"The team proved in the two Wembley matches with Tottenham, one of the best sides in the country, that they are a First Division outfit.

"In the replay I don't think the lads believed in themselves until the second half and in the end probably deserved to win.

"We've got every chance of promotion. We've got the best manager in the country, and the club is geared for success, so it's down to the players.

Promotion has been the aim of the club since I joined them three years ago. My spell with Palace was virtually a loan period.

"But we have been fairly close every year and I believe we can do it this time. West Ham and Luton both went close on several occasions before eventually getting up.

"If we are to achieve it we must show more resilience away from home.

"We are an attacking side by nature at home and away, but we threw away too many vital points last season.

"This season we might have to be content with 0-0 or 1-1 scorelines away from home instead of seeking maximum points and leaving ourselves open at times.

"But I'm confident we can make it and we would like to return to the First Division as champions."

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PETER WEIR

Focus on the man they call 'gas meter' — Aberdeen's Scottish international

FULL NAME: Peter Russell Weir.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Johnstone, January 18, 1958.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6 ft/12 st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Mary Anne.
CHILDREN: A one-year-old son, Colin.
CAR: Datsun Sunny 1500.
PREVIOUS CLUB: St. Mirren.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Assistant greenkeeper.
CLUB NICKNAME: Gas meter — it rhymes with Peter!
WORST EVER INJURY: Out for one month with ankle and knee ligament trouble.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Glenn Hoddle — has great skill and vision and can score goals.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Scotland.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: No-one in particular but I admire Falcao (Brazil) and Platini (France).
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Neal, Sansom, Bremner, McNeil, Baxter, Henderson, Strachan, Charlton R., Dougan, Best.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning team; Felix, Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo, Clodoaldo, Gerson, Jairzinho, Tostao, Pele, Rivelino.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Ibrox Stadium.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN GROUND AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Nep Stadium, Hungary.
BEST GOAL SCORED: My second goal in last season's UEFA Cup home win over Ipswich.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Dominic Rocheteau for France against Northern Ireland in the World Cup Finals.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Too many to mention.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Scoring the winner against St. Mirren in last season's Scottish FA Cup Semi-Final replay.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Signing professional forms in 1978.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing last season's Scottish FA Cup Final win through injury.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, horse racing and badminton.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Relaxing with my family and winning.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bad refereeing, injuries, and losing.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Minder.
TV SHOWS YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Documentaries and political programmes.
FAVOURITE READING: Autobiographies.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Neil Diamond.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chicken chasseur.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Susan George, Charles Bronson.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Jazz Singer and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.
BEST FRIEND: I like to think I have many.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents and former St. Mirren manager Jim Clunie.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Playing each team so often in the Scottish Premier Division.
SUPERSTITIONS: I like to get changed early.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Chicken.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Four Scottish caps in 1980.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful and happy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the League.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Like to have my own business.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Aberdeen's John Hewitt.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Littlewoods pools man at the door with a cheque.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to advice, train hard but make your own decisions when possible.

Peter Weir